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Backsplash tiles
We used classic subway tile ($21 per 80 tiles, Home Depot stores) and light gray grout.

10 inches
Shelf depth
That's deep enough to comfortably hold dinner plates and large bowls. The shelf is 1½ inches thick—a solid, sturdy surface.

34 inches
Cabinet height
Our 2-inch-thick marble countertop brings the counter height to a standard 36 inches. Cabinets are painted Myrtle Blossom by Martha Stewart Living Paint.

24 inches
Cabinet depth
That's standard for lower cabinets. Depth for upper cabinets is 12 to 15 inches.

6 inches
Cabinet handles
Longer pulls mean easier gripping. Bistro cabinet pulls, from $13, restoration hardware.com.

18 inches
Distance between shelf and countertop
That's plenty of space so the shelf doesn't get in your way as you prep. If you're tall, raise the shelf a little higher.

25 inches
Countertop depth
The standard is 25 inches—that's 1 inch deeper than our cabinet depth, which allows for an overhang to prevent spills and crumbs from getting caught in doors and drawers.

WIN KITCHEN GOODIES!
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I always ask designers how they keep from getting bored with their own homes. It inspires stories in the magazine, and I like collecting ideas to try myself. After years of listening to (and pilfering from) the pros, here's what I've learned.

Get super creative with containers

Designers love to quash clutter! They constantly come up with clever ways to corral it, stash it, box it, and put a lid on it. In "Stylish Ways to Store Your Stuff" (page 25), everyday items get put into place—and there's not a label maker in sight. *Color Splash*'s David Bromstad keeps cleaning supplies in wine crates. *The High Low Project*'s Sabrina Soto puts a fresh spin on a paper towel holder. Cari Cucksey of *Cash & Cari* gives copper buckets a new task.

Stretch your decorating dollar in the kitchen

Ninety-nine percent of designers will tell you that the kitchen—the hub of the home! the room that boosts your resale value the most!—is worth investing in. There are just so many ways to make it work better for you. To help, we maxed out our Kitchen Chronicles section (page 123) with ideas for creating a stylish, highly functional space—whether your makeover is small (hanging a shelf), medium (reconfiguring your pantry), or large (choosing new countertops).

Mix with gusto, then rearrange often

If you weave similar colors throughout your house, it's easier to mix patterns and furniture styles like crazy. Designers do this because then it's a cinch to move all your pieces around and instantly renew your rooms—swap pillows, trade lampshades, switch out rugs. Find our favorite tricks for giving your living room a new look—fast!—on page 91 ("Living Room Switcheroo!").

Don't be afraid to flea

Nothing's ever too old to salvage, right? Right. Designers live by this rule, and you can too. Feel like flexing your DIY muscles? Check out our all-new "Flea Market Flips" column (page 101). And have fun junk shopping. But really, it's not junk if you love it.

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KUDOS FOR THE JUNE/JULY ISSUE. I read it cover to cover. All of my issues are going into a binder so I can refer back to them. I have done a lot of projects to my little Cape Cod, and the tips, tricks, and ideas will help keep my home fresh and inviting.

—Cathy Reeves, Columbus, OH

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I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE that all your do-it-yourself projects include step-by-step instructions, material lists, and suggestions for where to buy supplies. I've never thought of myself as crafty or handy, but I'm proud to say I made a fabric-top table like yours from "Yard Sale Finds Reinvented!" and I'll be tackling the picture frame tray next. Please keep the DIY projects coming.

—Tracey Brown, Watauga, TX





I'M AN AVID FLEA MARKET SHOPPER, so I appreciated the treasure-hunting tips from Emily Henderson in "She's Got Thrifty Style!" I like your magazine's down-to-earth approach that makes home decorating accessible. You prove that design can look amazing but doesn't have to be especially luxe. It just has to be what speaks to you and says "home."

—Cameron Poole, Vancouver, WA

THANKS FOR INCLUDING GARDENING BASICS for us beginners. I've started to nurture my own green thumb, and "Your Good-To-Know Summer Garden Guide" was perfect. I learned what deadheading is—I've been pinching the old flower heads off my plants without knowing it had a name!

—Sharon M. Barksdale, Richmond, VA

AS A RECENT college graduate living in an older home (that often needs repairs!), I love "Talk to a Toolman" with Chip Wade. I'm all about taking on as much work as I can, but the last thing I want is to get in over my head. The advice on when to hire a pro is *great*!

—Michelle Lasher, Cadiz, KY



THE NEW ISSUE of #hgtvmag is sooo good! Completely packed with great ideas!!! I'm dying!

—Meg Caswell, host of *Meg's Great Rooms*, via Twitter



GLAD YOU TRIED IT!

"In one of your columns, you asked, 'Change It or Chuck It?' While updating my bedroom, I decided to change a wardrobe I bought at Walmart. I almost got rid of the piece because it was a dull brown and did nothing for the space. Now that I've painted it bright blue (Empress Teal by Behr), it makes the entire room come alive. I'm ready for more projects!"

—Emily Hohertz, Austin, TX

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Rachel Livingston Greathouse, Milton, GA "To give this classic wood door an updated look, I painted it cherry red, added oil-rubbed bronze hardware, and flanked it with topiaries."



Stephanie Counts, Charlotte, NC "Our turquoise front door gives the house a spark of drama it didn't have before."



Sara Bates, Pittsburgh, PA "Inspired by houses in Key West, I went with a vibrant green to liven up our traditional brick home."

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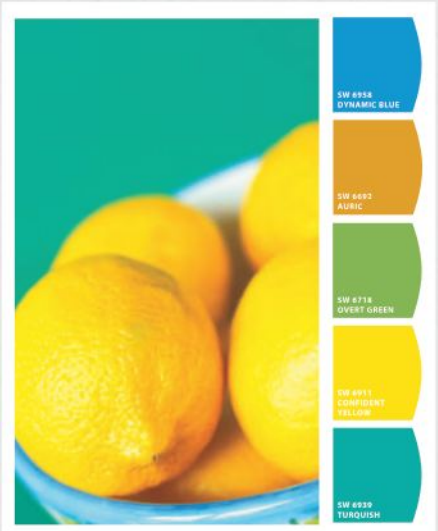


















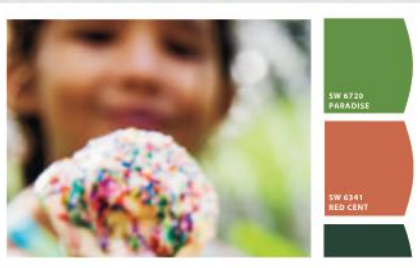














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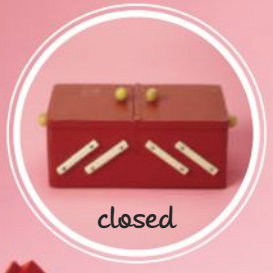
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JEWELRY CONTROL

It's crazy how fast jewelry can jumble up. My surprise container: an **egg crate**. It keeps rings, chains, and earrings neatly sorted.

—Taniya Nayak, *House Hunters on Vacation*

Farmer's egg crate, $14, anthropologie.com

SPORTY MAGAZINE RACKS

Metal and wire **locker baskets** have a cool, industrial look and are the perfect size for magazines. We can never pass them up at flea markets. But you can buy them new, too.

—Amie and Jolie Sikes, *Junk Gypsies*

Old-school locker basket, $20, landofnod.com



CLEANING SUPPLY STATION

Wine shops usually toss their **wood crates**, so ask to take some off their hands and stack them to make charming insta-shelves. Fill them with detergents, cleaners, and towels.

—David Bromstad, *Color Splash*

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TOOLS WITHIN REACH

These **hanging buckets** are meant to hold plants, but I love them for screwdrivers, pliers, and everyday gear. It's like a cheery wall-mounted toolbox.

—Jennifer Berno, home editor, *HGTV Magazine*

Bygel rail and containers, $6, ikea.com

DOG TOY BIN

Big **copper buckets** usually used for firewood are deep enough to hold all my pup's chew toys. Copper gets a patina that makes my heart go pitter-patter!

—Cari Cucksey, *Cash & Cari*

Copper 11-gallon oval bucket, $119, overstock.com



UTENSIL CATCHALL

Wooden spoons, whisks, and spatulas never seem to fit in my kitchen drawer, so I put them in a **Chinese ginger jar**. I love the blue and white pattern on my counter too.

—Emily Henderson, *Secrets From a Stylist*

Small classic ginger jar, $58, cwonder.com





ACCESSORIES TAMER

This is a **spice holder**, but I use it to group the hundreds of hair accessories my daughters have amassed! It attaches to the wall, and the little magnetic containers are movable.

—Betsy Goldberg, deputy editor, *HGTV Magazine*

Magnetic spice rack, $50, pfaltzgraff.com

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how bad is it...

Straight answers to scratch-your-head questions.



Is this plastic bag toxic?

...to leave clothes in the **dry cleaning bag**?

A: What makes your clothes look so fresh is often the chemical perchloroethylene (perc), which the Environmental Protection Agency has linked to many health risks, including cancer. Perc can linger on clothes, and when enclosed in a bag, it can build up, putting you in greater danger of breathing it in once you remove the plastic. So ditch the bag right away, says Peter Sinsheimer, executive director of UCLA's Environmental Health Sustainable Technology Program. An even safer option: Try an ecofriendly dry cleaner, who will use liquid carbon dioxide, a silicone-based solvent, or steam and nontoxic detergents to remove stains.

BOTTOM LINE: *really bad!*

...to keep **medicine in your bathroom**?

A: Despite its name, a medicine cabinet does not actually make a good home for drugs. "Warm, humid environments can weaken medication," says Bona Benjamin, a director at the American Society of Health System Pharmacists. Moisture can get trapped inside the bottle, diluting the drug's potency. So stash meds in a dry, dark spot, like a kitchen cabinet, or in the fridge if a cooler temperature is recommended.

BOTTOM LINE: *pretty bad!*



Do these belong here?

...to **blow leaves** into the street?

A: That depends on where you live. Some communities say it's OK to push leaves in the gutters for cleanup, while others require leaves to be bagged. Check your municipality's guidelines, but keep in mind, even if leaf cleanup rules aren't strict, it's best to keep leaves out of the street. "Leaves in the street can clog storm drains and catch basins, causing flooding and preventing water from being filtered properly," says George Dreckmann, coordinator of the streets division for the city of Madison, WI.

BOTTOM LINE: *pretty bad!*

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how bad is it...

...to stand on the **top step of a ladder**?

A: Perching way up there is not smart. Always limit your climb to the second rung from the top. Reserve the highest step and the top shelf for holding supplies. "A ladder isn't designed to carry a lot of weight at its highest point," says Chris Filardi, vice president of marketing for Werner Co. ladders. "Standing on the top step can make you lose your balance or cause the ladder to tip."

BOTTOM LINE: *super bad!*





...to cut **mold off cheese**, then eat the rest?

A: We get it: A log of goat cheese is pretty pricey—it feels wasteful to throw it out because of a green spot. But on soft cheeses (like goat, feta, and ricotta), mold can spread easily. Because some mold is toxic, eating it could give you flulike symptoms or food poisoning. So if you see spores, toss it, says Katherine Zeratsky, a Mayo Clinic–registered dietitian. Mold on hard cheeses (such as Parmesan and cheddar) doesn't typically penetrate far, so after you cut off an inch around the spot, you can eat what's left.

BOTTOM LINE: *really bad!* **(for soft cheeses)** *not so bad!* **(for hard cheeses)**

...to never **back up your files**?

A: If you haven't had a computer meltdown, you may not have thought to back up documents, photos, and other files. Big mistake, says Steve Fox, editorial director at *PCWorld*. An external hard drive (from $60, at electronics



stores) can prevent you from losing valuable data. Plug it in, then follow the prompts to set up an automatic file-saving schedule. Or back up your data to the cloud—an online storage tool—using a service like SOS (sosonlinebackup .com, from $80 per year). This lets you access files securely from any Internet-equipped device, like a smartphone.

BOTTOM LINE: *really bad!*

DID YOU KNOW? 39% of Americans have never backed up their computer files.



...to **store wine** bottles upright?

A: Unless you're collecting vintage chichi wine, you can stash bottles any way you like. Wine was originally placed on its side to keep the spongelike cork moist so that it wouldn't shrink and let air into the bottle, aging it prematurely. But thanks to a rise in cork prices, many bottles now have a screw top or a synthetic cork, which never shrinks, says Andrew Bell, president of American Sommelier. Regardless of cork type, for long-term storage, keep wine at a constant cool temp: ideally, 48 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

BOTTOM LINE: *not bad at all!*

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if your **washing machine** could talk

Dos and don'ts for a better wash.



I'm allergic to too much soap.

Those lines on the detergent bottle cap aren't just a suggestion. They're a well-tested measurement for getting clothes the cleanest. Ignore them and you could wind up with soap scum and icky residue on your laundry.

I shouldn't waddle across the floor.

If your machine vibrates so much during cycles that it moves, you're probably filling the basin unevenly (shoving all the jeans on one side, for example). Or the machine isn't level. Check the manual for how to balance it. If it still shimmies, call a repair pro—your motor might be wobbling, a sign of a future breakdown.

Please don't stuff me!

Fill top loaders three-fourths full and front loaders two-thirds full. If you jam-pack the machine, you risk wearing out the motor—plus, your clothes won't get as clean.

Am I leaking? Check my hoses.

A washer's hoses can wear out after about five years, especially if they're made from plastic or rubber, so check them regularly. If you see holes or cracks, replace them with more durable stainless steel versions.

Top loaders are making a comeback.

When front loaders were introduced about 10 years ago, they made a huge splash. But these days, high-efficiency top loaders are the fastest growing segment of the market, thanks to their low water usage and bigger capacities.

3 OPTIONS TO DE-STINK YOUR MACHINE



Affresh washer cleaning kit This kit comes with cleaning cloths and tablets you drop in your machine's basin to bust mildew and mold odors ($9, affresh.com).



Good old Clorox bleach Pour about a cup of this cleaning staple into your empty machine and run a warm water cycle ($2, at drugstores).



Tide washing machine cleaner Run a hot water cycle with one of these pouches to eliminate smells ($7, at drugstores).

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talk to a toolman

Should you hire a pro or tackle that home repair job yourself? *Elbow Room*'s **Chip Wade** weighs in on five common questions.

Q: What's the best way to fix a leaky faucet?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO. Most leaky faucets are caused by worn-out rubber seals. To replace them, turn off the water supply to the sink, then pry off the faucet's handle(s) with pliers or the tip of a screwdriver. Dismantle the valve (the hardware under the handle), and remove the old black rubber seals by slicing them with a utility knife. If they're screwed in, you'll need to loosen the screw that holds them in place. Bring the seals to a hardware store to find same-size replacements. Smear them with a little heatproof plumber's grease, then reassemble the fixture.

> "Don't be tempted to use a power washer to clean siding. Water can seep behind the boards, causing mold to grow."

Q: The siding on my house looks filthy. Can I clean it myself?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO. You don't need many tools to clean siding, just a lot of elbow grease. Fill a bucket with water and a few squirts of dish soap, then dip a stiff-bristle nylon brush attached to an extension pole (from $11, lowes.com) into the solution. Work from the top down, scrubbing the siding with an up-and-down motion. If necessary, use a ladder to reach the top of the siding. Finish by rinsing with a hose.

Q: How hard is it to add an electrical outlet?

CHIP SAYS: HIRE A PRO. Installing a new outlet is a relatively straightforward task, but to make sure the work is done safely, hire a licensed electrician. He'll calculate how much electricity the new outlet will use so you don't overload your circuit. Then he'll drill a hole in the wall for the new outlet box and snake wires behind the walls to activate it—a complicated task if the new outlet is far from your power source.

Q: How do I quiet a squeaky door hinge?

CHIP SAYS: GIVE IT A GO. First try cleaning it: With the door closed, place the tip of a flat-head screwdriver under the top of the hinge pin (a naillike piece of metal in the hinge's center). Tap the end of the screwdriver's handle with a hammer to pry the pin out. Swab the pin with rubbing alcohol to loosen dirt, then coat it with a lubricant like WD-40 and put it back in the hinge. If that doesn't help, invest in a new hinge (from $3, hardware stores).

Q: The exhaust fan in our bathroom isn't powerful, and we're getting mildew. What's the solution?

CHIP SAYS: HIRE A PRO. After a few years of use, dust and lint can clog the fan's vents. If wiping down the grille with a microfiber cloth doesn't help, you'll need a licensed electrician to replace the fan. He'll remove the old grille and motor, then disconnect the old wires. If the new fan is bigger than the old one, he will have to cut into your ceiling to fit it. Then he'll hook up the new wiring and mount the fan.

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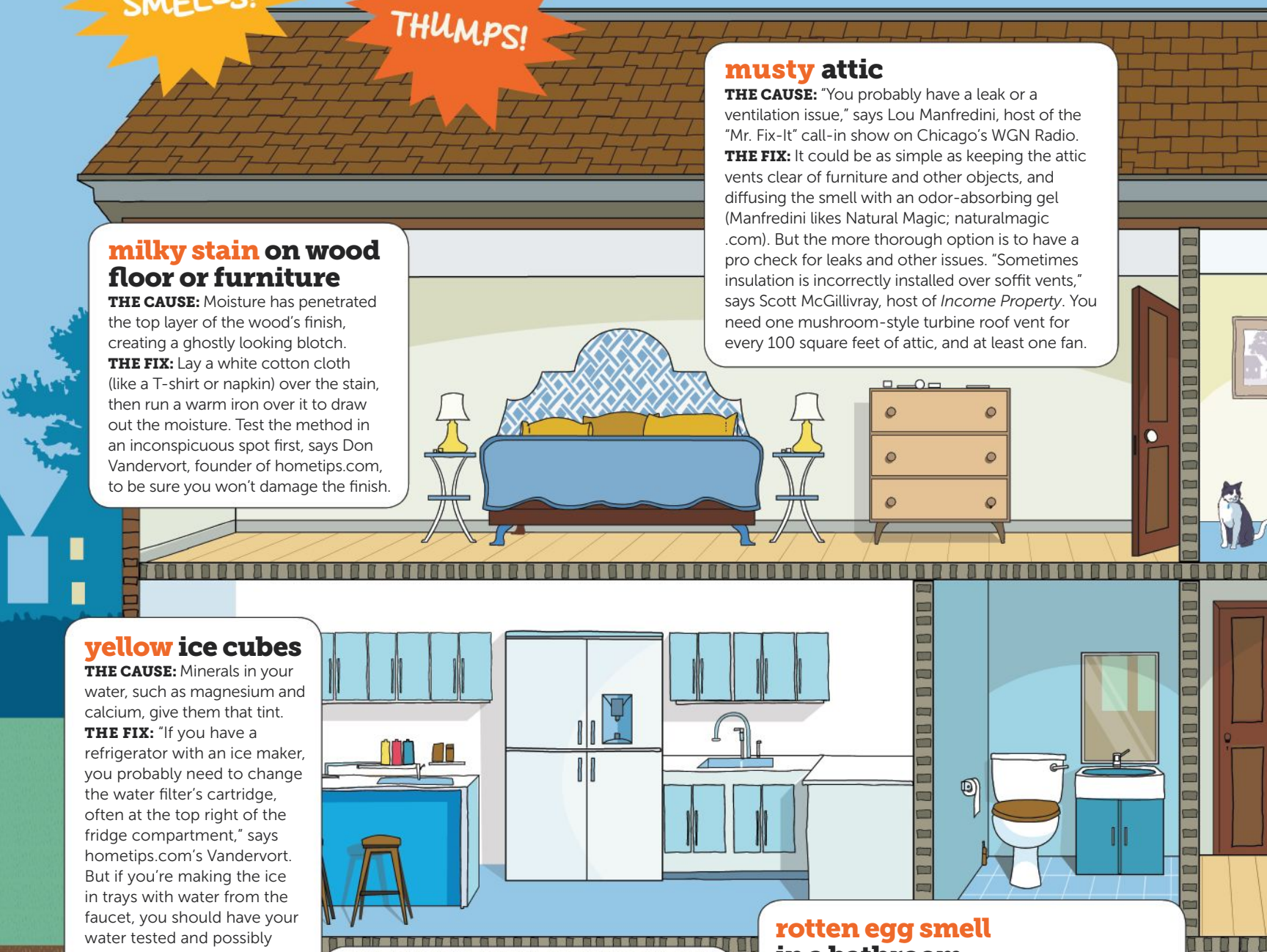
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SQUEAKS! SMELLS! THUMPS!

There are some very real explanations—and



musty attic

THE CAUSE: "You probably have a leak or a ventilation issue," says Lou Manfredini, host of the "Mr. Fix-It" call-in show on Chicago's WGN Radio.
THE FIX: It could be as simple as keeping the attic vents clear of furniture and other objects, and diffusing the smell with an odor-absorbing gel (Manfredini likes Natural Magic; naturalmagic.com). But the more thorough option is to have a pro check for leaks and other issues. "Sometimes insulation is incorrectly installed over soffit vents," says Scott McGillivray, host of *Income Property*. You need one mushroom-style turbine roof vent for every 100 square feet of attic, and at least one fan.

milky stain on wood floor or furniture

THE CAUSE: Moisture has penetrated the top layer of the wood's finish, creating a ghostly looking blotch.
THE FIX: Lay a white cotton cloth (like a T-shirt or napkin) over the stain, then run a warm iron over it to draw out the moisture. Test the method in an inconspicuous spot first, says Don Vandervort, founder of hometips.com, to be sure you won't damage the finish.

yellow ice cubes

THE CAUSE: Minerals in your water, such as magnesium and calcium, give them that tint.
THE FIX: "If you have a refrigerator with an ice maker, you probably need to change the water filter's cartridge, often at the top right of the fridge compartment," says hometips.com's Vandervort. But if you're making the ice in trays with water from the faucet, you should have your water tested and possibly treated. To find a certified lab in your area, go to epa.gov/safewater/labs.

gurgling kitchen drain

THE CAUSE: Water can't flow easily through the pipes. It's bubbling loudly because the sewer line is clogged or improperly vented.
THE FIX: "Try a liquid drain cleaner," says hometips.com's Vandervort. No luck? Clear any debris, often in the sewer line's first few feet, with a drain snake. If gurgling persists, "have a plumber check for a blocked or improperly installed vent," says *Income Property*'s McGillivray. He can add an air-admittance valve or vent to the drainpipe to improve the flow.

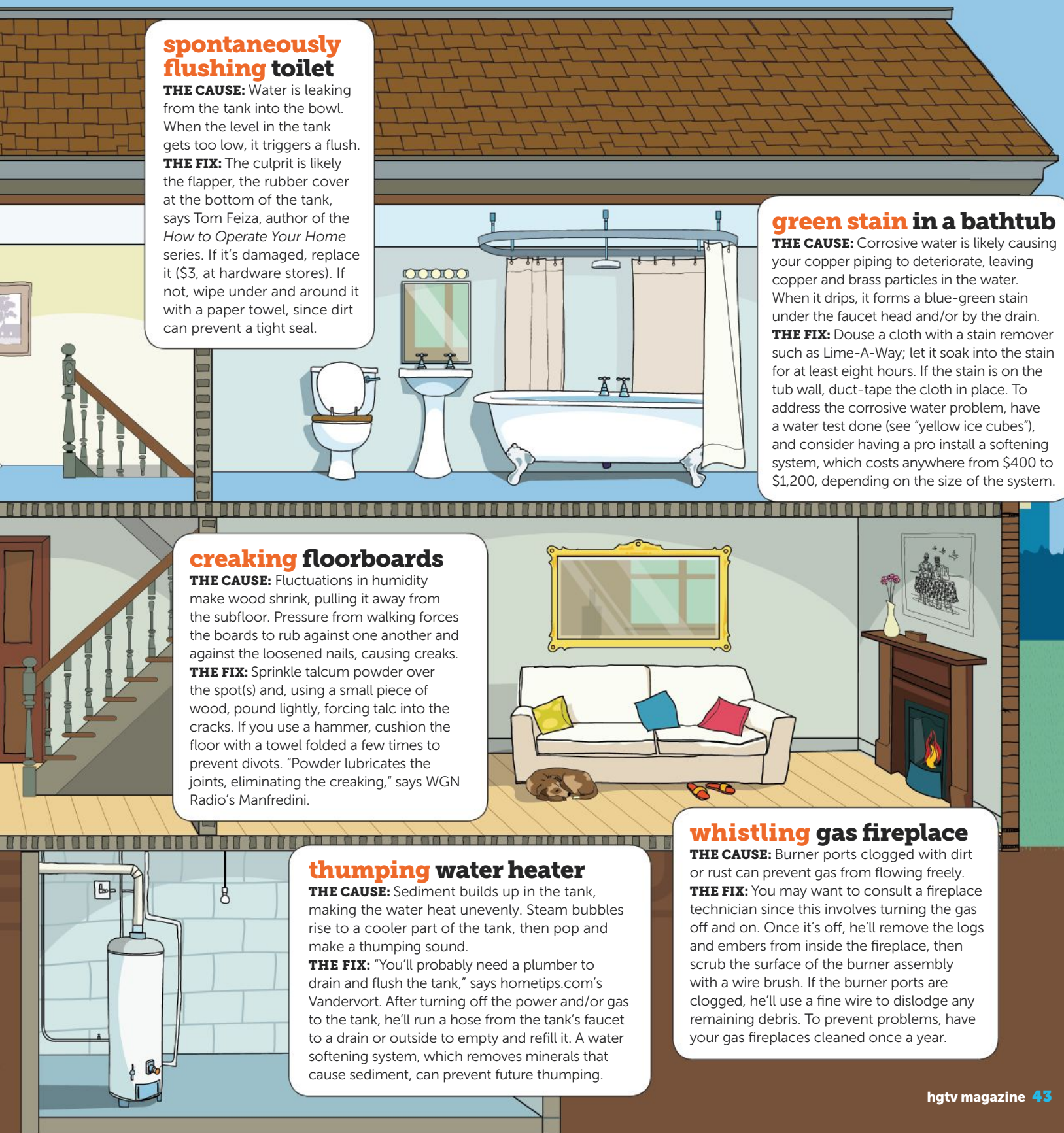
rotten egg smell in a bathroom

THE CAUSE: "This usually happens in little-used bathrooms," says hometips.com's Vandervort. "Since you're not flushing the toilet often, the drainage trap dries out and sewer gases rise through it."
THE FIX: Flush the toilet and run water in the sink, tub, and shower to refill the traps. Next, suggests WGN Radio's Manfredini, pour a tablespoon of vegetable oil down each drain. It'll form a thin layer over the water you added, protecting it from air exposure and preventing evaporation—and sealing out the gases. Flush the toilet and run the water in each fixture a few times a week to keep the smell from returning.

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mysteries solved!

some surprising fixes—for the weirdest problems around the house.



spontaneously flushing toilet

THE CAUSE: Water is leaking from the tank into the bowl. When the level in the tank gets too low, it triggers a flush.
THE FIX: The culprit is likely the flapper, the rubber cover at the bottom of the tank, says Tom Feiza, author of the *How to Operate Your Home* series. If it's damaged, replace it ($3, at hardware stores). If not, wipe under and around it with a paper towel, since dirt can prevent a tight seal.

green stain in a bathtub

THE CAUSE: Corrosive water is likely causing your copper piping to deteriorate, leaving copper and brass particles in the water. When it drips, it forms a blue-green stain under the faucet head and/or by the drain.
THE FIX: Douse a cloth with a stain remover such as Lime-A-Way; let it soak into the stain for at least eight hours. If the stain is on the tub wall, duct-tape the cloth in place. To address the corrosive water problem, have a water test done (see "yellow ice cubes"), and consider having a pro install a softening system, which costs anywhere from $400 to $1,200, depending on the size of the system.

creaking floorboards

THE CAUSE: Fluctuations in humidity make wood shrink, pulling it away from the subfloor. Pressure from walking forces the boards to rub against one another and against the loosened nails, causing creaks.
THE FIX: Sprinkle talcum powder over the spot(s) and, using a small piece of wood, pound lightly, forcing talc into the cracks. If you use a hammer, cushion the floor with a towel folded a few times to prevent divots. "Powder lubricates the joints, eliminating the creaking," says WGN Radio's Manfredini.

whistling gas fireplace

THE CAUSE: Burner ports clogged with dirt or rust can prevent gas from flowing freely.
THE FIX: You may want to consult a fireplace technician since this involves turning the gas off and on. Once it's off, he'll remove the logs and embers from inside the fireplace, then scrub the surface of the burner assembly with a wire brush. If the burner ports are clogged, he'll use a fine wire to dislodge any remaining debris. To prevent problems, have your gas fireplaces cleaned once a year.

thumping water heater

THE CAUSE: Sediment builds up in the tank, making the water heat unevenly. Steam bubbles rise to a cooler part of the tank, then pop and make a thumping sound.
THE FIX: "You'll probably need a plumber to drain and flush the tank," says hometips.com's Vandervort. After turning off the power and/or gas to the tank, he'll run a hose from the tank's faucet to a drain or outside to empty and refill it. A water softening system, which removes minerals that cause sediment, can prevent future thumping.

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bookshelves

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Do your bookcases look like this? Five ways to whip them into shape.



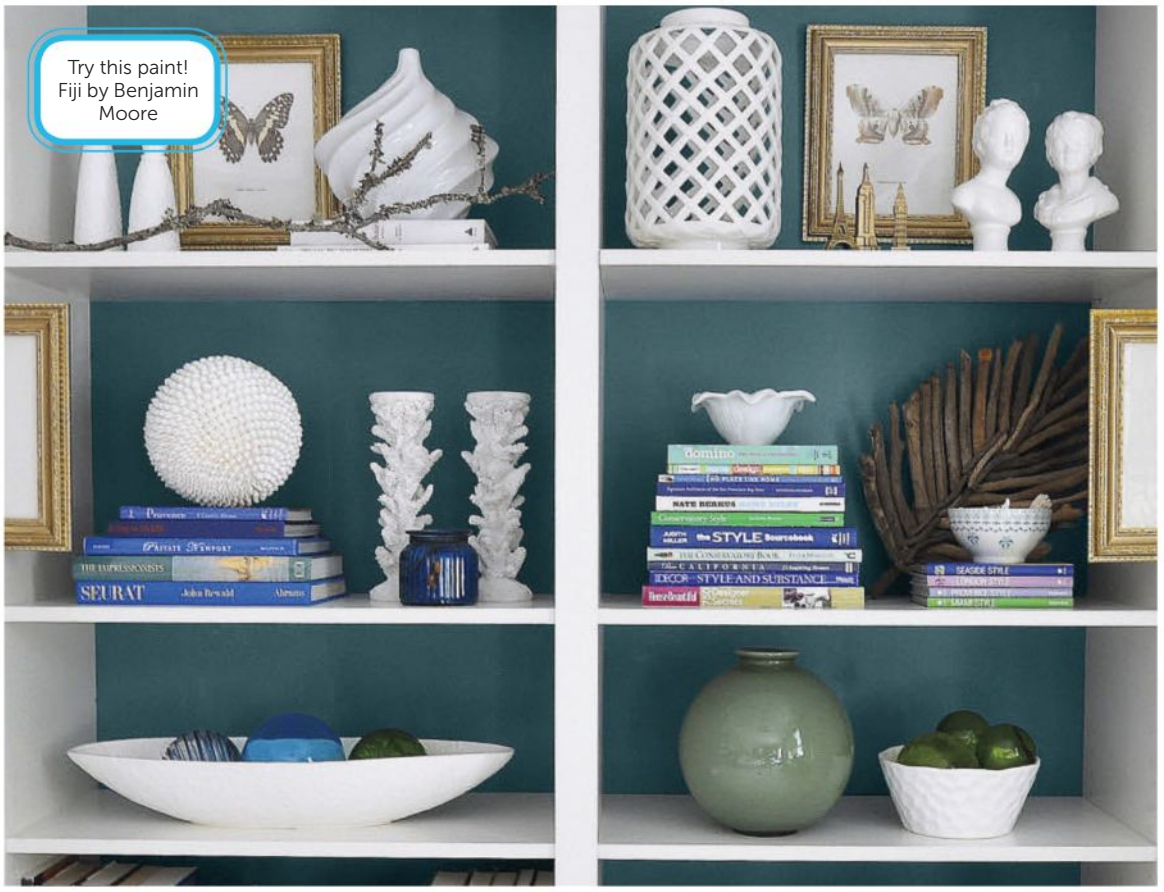


1. Color coordinate

No need to buy anything new to make a rainbow display: Just rearrange your books so similar-color covers are grouped together, says Susan Feldman, cofounder of flash sale site One Kings Lane, which featured this bookcase. Take all your books off the shelves and sort them by hue. Then put each stack back in, some vertically, some horizontally. Susan suggests creating a color spectrum that goes from hot (reds and oranges) to cool (greens and blues). Mix in vases and plants so the shelves don't feel too boxy. Need more colors in your collection? Order hardcovers by the hue at booksbythefoot.com (from $7 per foot).

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2. Paint a background

Instead of coating an entire bookcase in color, paint just the back panels of the shelves so what's on them really stands out. Blogger Kate Riley of Centsational Girl chose blue for hers, but any vivid hue will do. For straight, crisp lines, pull out your shelves if you can, then tape around the back panels before you paint. Another option for the DIY set: Cut boards of foam core to fit snugly against the back panels and paint them. Secure the boards with removable mounting strips, if needed.

> "The slight sheen of an eggshell finish helps highlight shelves."
> —Kate Riley, design blogger



3. Add great wallpaper

If pattern makes you giddy, give plain shelves a wallpaper backdrop. Choose a design that's bold but not so busy that the objects on the shelves get lost. Los Angeles designer Vanessa De Vargas of Turquoise interior design firm likes a pattern of two colors, max. "Black and white is graphic, and it also lets you see everything on the shelves clearly," she says. Remove the shelves, then trim the wallpaper to fit the entire back of the bookcase. Adhere with wallpaper paste, and let dry. Replace the shelves, filling some of them sparsely so you can see plenty of wallpaper. If your shelves aren't removable, cut wallpaper to cover the back panels, then attach it with wallpaper paste or a craft glue such as Mod Podge.

FROM TOP: KATE RILEY; ERIKA BIERMAN



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4. Hang art on a hook

Shelves are a natural spot to prop a picture, but you can also mount them on the bookcase frame to free up space and give artwork more of a starring role in your display. You don't even have to tack up nails. Removable adhesive hooks are perfect for mounting frames that aren't too heavy. Try hanging paintings, photos, or little mirrors. Or take a page from Hi Sugarplum design blogger Cassie Freeman, who styled out these great-looking shelves, and showcase illustrations of flowers and botanicals. Just keep the frames similar so the look is cohesive. Cassie chose vintage black ones to toughen up the pretty pictures and contrast with the white shelves.



5. Rejigger the space

"Not everything on your bookcase is the same size, so why should your shelves be?" says Los Angeles designer Molly Luetkemeyer of M. Design, who did up this bookcase. To make room for tall photos and sculptures, Molly created larger cubbies by sliding out some of the shelves. Pack the surrounding shelves with lots of books, pictures, and accessories to balance out the airier ones.

STYLE TRICKS THAT WORK EVERY TIME

- **Try your own high/low project.** Alternate tall objects with short ones, like a vase next to a cute little box.
- **Pairs: Split 'em up!** Matching bookends are pretty—but predictable. Break them up on different shelves for continuity with a little surprise.
- **Go faux.** For wilt-proof blooms, try silk flowers. Put them on a high shelf and no one will know they're fake.
- **Containers are your friend.** Stash knickknacks, old books, and other things you don't need to show off in baskets. Less dusting!
- **Make bookends—out of books.** Keep slanting rows in place by supporting them on either side with horizontal stacks.

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Peach Crayon

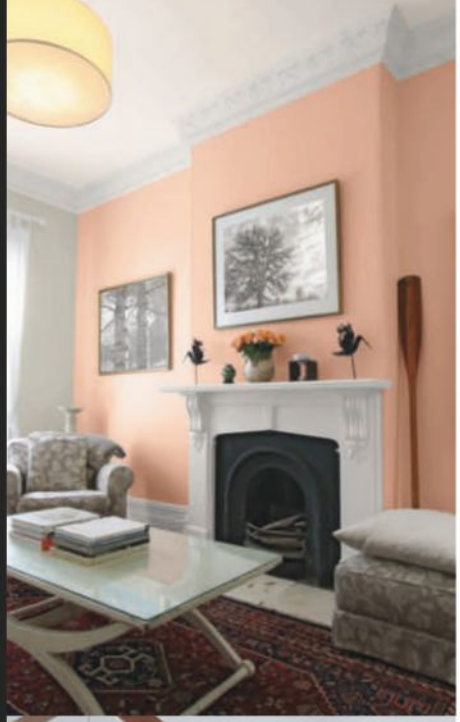
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—Linda Cobb, author of *Talking Dirty With the Queen of Clean*

3 Thymes, mandarin coriander

"This spray is made with lemon and orange essential oils, so I don't worry about my pets when I use it, but it still kicks butt in the kitchen. I wipe it on counters with an old T-shirt to make them shine."

—Dina Manzo, *Dina's Party*

4 Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day, bluebell

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—Becky Rapinchuk, blogger for cleanmama.blogspot.com

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—Debra Johnson, training manager, Merry Maids

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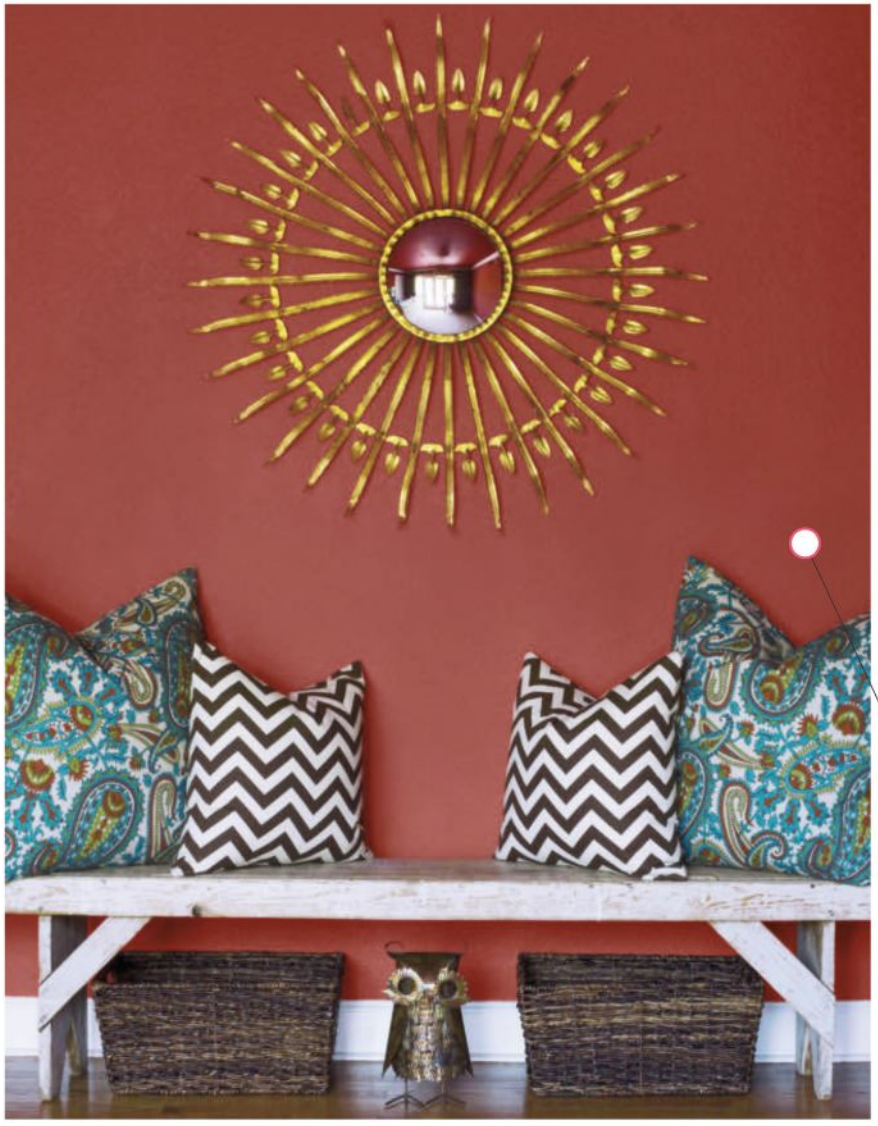
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BY PRATT & LAMBERT

"The kitchen is a room that should feel homey, and warm green—think more khaki than blue—really delivers. Wood and white accents, plus a little pop of red, are a natural match for dark olive cabinets."

—Gregory Mellor, Cape Town, South Africa

peppery

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"Save this color for spots that you want to feel warm and cozy, like this sitting area. I love to play with opposites, so I balanced this dark coral with cool teal."

—Brian Patrick Flynn, Décor Demon, hgtv.com contributor, Los Angeles

REPORTED BY **RAE McCONVILLE**

FROM TOP: MATTHEW LOWDEN; CHRISTINA WEDGE



sunflower

BY GLIDDEN

"This yellow lets you see the pretty details on these antique bed frames. And you can't help but feel energized when you wake up to such a happy color!"

—Emerson Fry, Emerson Fry New York, Portsmouth, NH

wrought iron

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"Small areas feel so much more important when they're painted a dark color. But keep the ceiling and the trim white so the room doesn't seem like a cave."

—Tamara Kaye-Honey, House of Honey, Los Angeles





rural earth

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"Brown is a richer-than-usual neutral—perfect for making a family room comfy. It's great for hiding scuff marks, too."

—Annsley McAleer, Annsley Interiors, Boston



adirondack and red ink

BOTH BY DUNN-EDWARDS

"Set against chalky white shingles, a fiery red front door with blue-gray trim looks like the quintessential all-American beach house."

—Claire Bock, Claire Bock Design, Newport Beach, CA

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BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"Pale turquoise is a daring pick for a bookshelf, but the warm gray wall color and soft pink accents tone it down."

—Ashley Whittaker, Ashley Whittaker Design, New York City



talipot palm

BY SHERWIN-WILLIAMS

"A painted 'runner' of attention-grabbing green livens up a basic black and white staircase. We made the space even more playful by hanging frames painted a similar shade."

—Melanie Turner, Melanie Turner Interiors, Atlanta



harbour

BY RALPH LAUREN

fiesta orange

BY BENJAMIN MOORE

"Navy can be staid, but use it to make wide stripes on a wall next to something painted orange, and a room just screams 'fun!'"

—Lynn Morgan, Lynn Morgan Designs, Rowayton, CT



bluebeard **BY C2 PAINT**

"Pairing white wainscoting with deep blue walls makes this dining room feel dramatic. The color combo would look beautiful in a bedroom or living room, too."

—Courtney Taylor, Taylor Interior Design, Providence, RI

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Aah...the perfect reading spot: a deep seat covered in soft cotton.

Cecilia chair, horchow.com





$380

This look-alike can be ordered in four patterns.

Liliana ironwork armchair, Pier 1 Imports stores



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Silk shade, porcelain base, and silver leaf bottom. A keeper!

Bungalow 5 Ceylon lamp, zincdoor.com

$129

That curvy ceramic base comes in five glossy colors.

Eden table lamp, landofnod.com



$135

Hand-embroidered swirls and a velvet back make one rich pillow.

Multi Bargello Waves pillow, jonathanadler.com





$36

Velvety patches dress up this cotton option.

Howell pillow, crateandbarrel.com

PIER 1 IMPORTS ARMCHAIR: ALISON GOOTEE/STUDIO D; CRATE AND BARREL PILLOW: GREG MARINO/STUDIO D; OTHER STILLS: COURTESY OF MANUFACTURERS

PRODUCED BY **KATE DOHERTY**



$599

At 24" wide, it can double as a spare table or seat.

Larsen ottoman, roomandboard.com

$129

A smidge more petite, but that's a real leather cushion!

Stacking 18" wide ottoman, grandinroad.com





$998

Embroidered vines are a stand-out detail on this wool rug.

Mantadia 8' x 10' rug, anthropologie.com



$299

Made from nylon, which lowers the price but not the plush.

Mohawk Select Strata Tropical Acres 8' x 10' rug, rugsusa.com



$599

Antiqued beveled mirrors give it that smoky heirloom look.

Borghese side chest, zgallerie.com

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Mirrored cabinet, worldmarket.com



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1 Chatham chrome sconce, $189, restorationhardware.com **2** Royal damask towel, $46, frescotowels.com; Kensington starlight chrome ring, $158, grohe.com for stores **3** Carnival DOF glass, $15, michaelcfina.com **4** White mulberry hand soap, $28, moltonbrown.com **5** For Town by Michael S Smith sink, $1,425; For Town by Michael S Smith chrome basin set, $1,695, both kallista.com for stores **6** World's Away Moroccan wastebasket, $119, laylagrayce.com

$808

This budget-friendly loo has the same spa-esque colors, but a fireclay sink and this brushed nickel light keep the price down.



1 Portfolio brushed nickel vanity light, $49, lowes.com **2** Damask towel, $20, garnethill.com; Donner Contemporary chrome ring, $4, homedepot.com **3** Diod glass, $2, IKEA stores **4** Clearly Natural aloe vera hand soap, $5, soap.com **5** American Standard Town Square sink, $398, homedepot.com; Kingsley chrome low arc faucet, $310, moen.com for stores **6** Jack!e for Essential Home wastebasket, $20, kmart.com

FRESCO TOWELS TOWEL IN GROHE RING AND LOWES VANITY LIGHT: GREG MARINO/STUDIO D; GARNET HILL TOWEL IN DONNER RING AND AMERICAN STANDARD SINK WITH MOEN FAUCET SET: ALISON GOOTEE/STUDIO D; OTHER STILLS: COURTESY OF MANUFACTURERS



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The Dunphys in their much used TV kitchen.

We all know the term "sensible shoes." In the Dunphy house, it's "sensible furniture," says ABC's *Modern Family* production designer, Richard Berg. "They're a family of five, and the home gets a lot of traffic." The cozy farmhouse table seemed like a natural choice, and the painted cabinets make the kitchen feel warm and familiar. Berg also added colorful accessories on the shelves and island to "spice up the space." The design for the living room (on the next page) began with the comfy "interview couch"—where the characters sit when they talk to the camera—with poppy pillows for grabbing while gabbing. "The home is playful; it has a freeness to it," Berg says. At the Dunphys', nothing (and nobody) is too perfect.

PRODUCED BY **KATE DOHERTY**



fruit basket
Three-tier stand, $50, surlatable.com



8-quart pot
Calypso Basics pot, $35, wayfair.com



ABC/ERIC MCCANDLESS; INSET: ABC/PETER 'HOPPER' STONE; FRUIT BASKET, RUNNER, AND PLATE: GREG MARINO/STUDIO D; OTHER STILLS COURTESY OF MANUFACTURERS





traditional chandelier
Flemish Gold chandelier, $149, lowes.com



striped pitcher
Raya pitcher, $20, crateandbarrel.com

cabinet color
Timothy Straw by Benjamin Moore



everyday plates
Fiesta Dinnerware shamrock plate, $17, macys.com



fancy chair
Louis XVI chair, from $329, ballard designs.com



wood-top table
Coastal Living Cottage table, $1,959, stanleyfurniture.com for stores



72" runner
Harvest wheat table runner, $40, pier1.com

Turn to steal the show's living room look!



elm cabinet
Marin cabinet, $699, crateandbarrel.com



wool rug
Surya Crowne 6010 8' x 11' rug, $908, rugsusa.com

WHAT SHOW DO YOU WANT TO STEAL?
Is there a TV or movie set you'd like us to feature? Email us at **hgtvmagazine@hearst.com**.



ABC/ERIC MCCANDLESS; INSET: ABC/ADAM TAYLOR; BOOKCASE AND BASKET WITH CUSHIONS: GREG MARINO/STUDIO D; OTHER STILLS: COURTESY OF MANUFACTURERS



cushy armchair
Claire chair in citron, $849, la-z-boy.com for stores



open bookcase
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The Dunphy kids, better known as, from left, Alex, Haley, and Luke

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Labrador Blue by Benjamin Moore

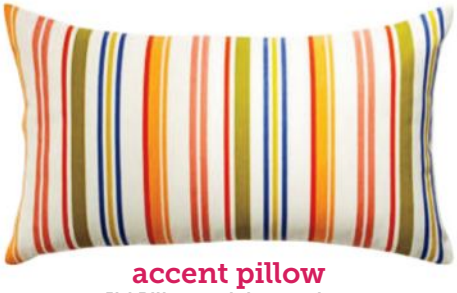


table lamp
Noek lamp, $91, bedbath andbeyond.com









accent pillow
Jiti PIllows rainbow stripes pillow, $55, overstock.com

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vern knows barstools

HGTV Design Star judge **Vern Yip** shares 10 sizing and shopping tips.



Here's a confession: It's taken me seven months to find the perfect barstools for my soon-to-be-renovated kitchen. I narrowed it down to three, then finally pulled the trigger (turn the page to see my pick). The decision is a lot trickier than choosing chairs for a table. Since barstools are taller and your feet don't rest on the floor, a comfortable seat is key, as is a foot-support bar at the right height to avoid awkward leg dangling. Other things to consider: Round or square? Swivel or stationary? Here are some tricks I've learned that will help you find the right stools for your space.

1 THE DISTANCE FROM SEAT TO COUNTERTOP IS IMPORTANT. For comfort, aim for 11 inches—so if your counter is 36 inches high, choose a stool that's 25 inches high. For a 42-inch breakfast bar, you'll need one 31 inches tall.

2 BARSTOOLS SHOULD BE FARTHER APART THAN DINING CHAIRS. Aim for about 28 inches from the middle of one stool to the middle of the next. (Dining chairs, which require less legroom, need just 24 inches.) Measure the amount of space you have for stools, then divide by 28—that's how many you should buy. But if there are protruding brackets under the counter that take up leg space, you may not be able to fit as many stools.

3 A BACKLESS STOOL LOOKS SLEEKER AND LESS BULKY, but if you're going to use the stools regularly for eating, you'll be happier with a backrest.

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4 NOT ALL STOOLS HAVE A FOOTREST, but that bottom bar does make sitting more comfortable. If you need versatility, look for stools that have an adjustable footrest or two bars at different heights.

5 THINK ABOUT EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY. If you have children, you might want to get adjustable-height stools so they can reach the counter to eat and do their homework. It may mean their feet don't reach the footrest, but kids are used to dangling, so it doesn't bother them. It's more important that the seat is close enough to the countertop.

6 ROUND STOOLS TAKE UP A LITTLE LESS SPACE THAN SQUARE ONES. Both styles look nice, but I think that round barstools tend to be less disruptive to a room's flow.

7 IF YOUR SPACE IS TIGHT, CHOOSE STOOLS WITH SWIVELING SEATS. You want to be able to turn easily to have a conversation without having to pull the barstool out and push it back.

8 CONSIDER YOUR COUNTERTOPS. If they have a heavy pattern like granite or marble, go for subtle barstools, maybe wood in the same color family as your cabinets. If your countertops are plainer, like a solid-color laminate or butcher block, the stools can have more pizzazz—try bright leather, vinyl, or an upholstered fabric.

9 A COMMON MISCONCEPTION ABOUT WEIGHT: Heavy barstools aren't necessarily the sturdiest ones. I love polycarbonate (a type of heavy-duty plastic), which is lightweight but very durable, so pay more attention to the stool's material than its weight.

10 PROTECT YOUR FLOORS! Some stools come with protective caps that cover the feet, but if I'm buying a style that doesn't have these, I always add self-adhesive felt pads to the bottoms so the stools don't scratch the floor.

BARSTOOLS FOR EVERY BUDGET



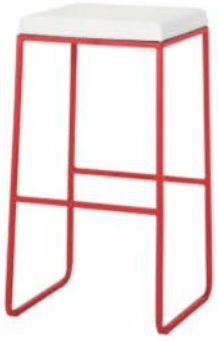
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Hyacinth barstool, $129, zgallerie.com



Knoll Jamaica swivel stool, $828, allmodern.com



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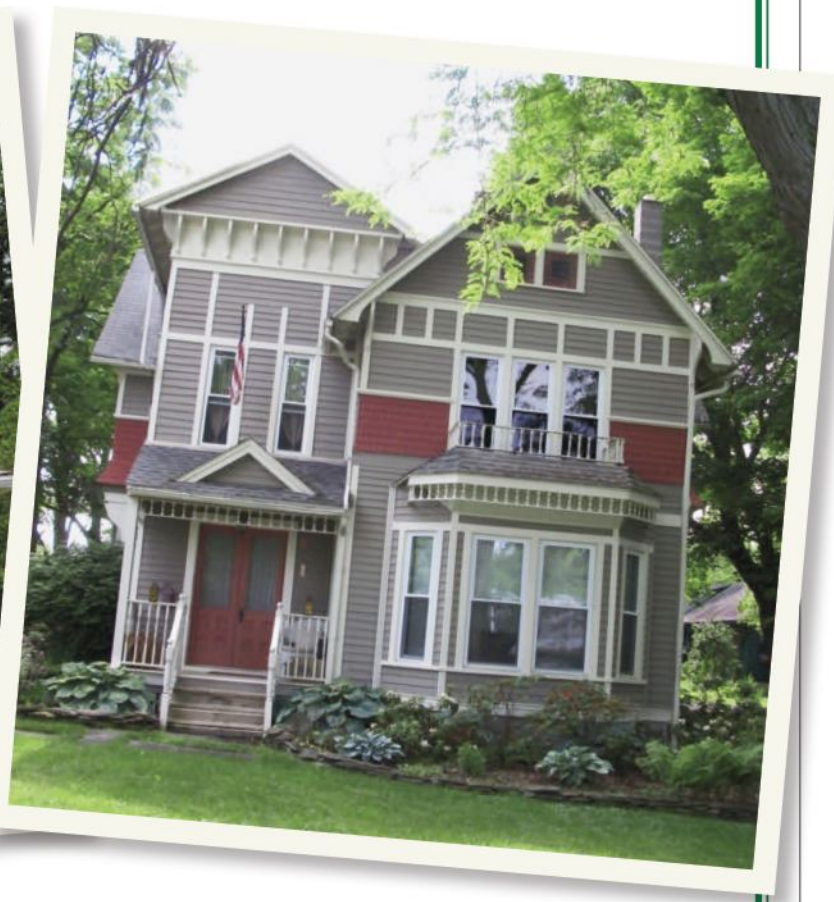
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PRICES: Cincinnati, OH: $730,000; Interlaken, NY: $166,000

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It's the battle of the look-alikes! Which house in each pair has the **lower price tag**?

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KNOXVILLE, TN VS. CHARLOTTE, NC



4 BR, 4½ BA, 4,087 sq. ft., built in 2006. Vaulted ceilings and gourmet kitchen on nearly ¾ wooded acre. AGENT: DEBBIE HOLLOWAY, GABLES & GATES REALTORS



5 BR, 5 BA + two ½ BA, 4,500 sq. ft., built in 2002. Library, rec room, and porch with fireplace overlooking ½-acre lot. AGENT: LYNN SALTON, HM PROPERTIES

PRICES: Knoxville, TN: $849,900; Charlotte, NC: $1,799,000

CHICAGO, IL VS. ELLSWORTH, ME



4 BR, 3 BA, 3,510 sq. ft., built in 1896. Hardwood floors, original leaded windows, pocket doors, and new baths and roof. AGENT: IRENE YUNGERMAN, BAIRD & WARNER



6 BR, 2½ BA, 4,066 sq. ft., built in 1910. Carved fireplaces and original stained glass on 1¼ acres. AGENT: KIKI KATSIAFICAS, BETTER HOMES & GARDENS/TOWN & COUNTRY RE

PRICES: Chicago, IL: $729,000; Ellsworth, ME: $325,000

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI VS. SALEM, OR



4 BR, 2½ BA, 3,000 sq. ft., built in 1992. **Greenhouse and detached studio, plus walking distance from the water.** AGENT: STEVE DEANGELIS, KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY



5 BR, 3½ BA, 3,268 sq. ft., built in 2008. **Exercise room, Brazilian wood floors, and a 3-car garage.** AGENT: TY HILDEBRAND, PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

PRICES: South Kingstown, RI: $424,900; Salem, OR: $299,900

ROANOKE, VA VS. ATHENS, GA



3 BR, 2 BA, 1,939 sq. ft., built in 1946. **Refinished hardwood floors and large master bedroom with walk-in closet.** AGENT: COLLIN DAIBER, CENTURY 21 GOLD KEY



3 BR, 2 BA, 1,680 sq. ft., built in 1940. **Granite counters and full walk-up attic; 1 mile from University of Georgia campus.** AGENT: TED WILKES, FIRST CLASS REALTY

PRICES: Roanoke, VA: $135,500; Athens, GA: $299,900

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COPY THE curb appeal!

We cruised through the Brookside neighborhood in **Kansas City, MO**, on the hunt for homes with standout style.



HOMEOWNERS:
Amanda and Chris Chaney
BUILT IN: 1924
BOUGHT IN: 2004

"Everyone told us not to buy this house because it needed a lot of work. But we saw the potential and loved it back to life."

IDEAS TO STEAL



shutters

Even if your shutters are just for looks, try to scale them to the size of your window. Find ones that would cover the whole window if they were to close.

Mastic Home Exteriors louvered shutter in clay (available in 17 colors; can be painted), from $80 for 2, plygem.com for buying info

porch chairs

Hardwood adirondack chairs can stand up to all types of weather and look extra cute sporting striped outdoor pillows.

Original folding adirondack chair, $189, llbean.com; classic stripe outdoor pillow, $29, potterybarn.com



picket fence

It's so Americana. Surround a side yard or your whole lot with white pickets (3 to 4 feet high) for a dream-home look, no matter the style of your house.

window box

The Chaneys show off gorgeous blooms in two second-story window boxes and a basket mounted by the front door. Their winning container combo: 1. petunias, 2. English ivy, and 3. delphiniums.

Mayne white window box, $132, lowes.com





paint colors

HOUSE: Pure White by Sherwin-Williams
TRIM, SHUTTERS, AND DOOR: Privilege Green by Sherwin-Williams

balcony railing

Sometimes it can be fun to choose form over function: The iron balcony railing under the center second-story window is too small to support any weight, but it looks very romantic!

wall ornament

Who says art has to hang inside? This white stucco house has the perfect backdrop for a piece of ironwork: a windowless exterior wall. Look for weather-treated metals, which won't rust in the rain.

Iron scrolled wall plaque, $119, homedecorators.com



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PLANTS, FROM LEFT: ISTOCKPHOTO; BLICKWINKEL/ALAMY; GEOFF DU FEU/AGE FOTOSTOCK; STILLS: COURTESY OF MANUFACTURERS



HOMEOWNERS:
Kelly and Todd Powell
BUILT IN: 1930
BOUGHT IN: 2008

"We love the tree-filled streets and the old homes that are so unique; Brookside is not a cookie-cutter suburb."

IDEAS TO STEAL

lantern

A single porch light does the trick, but go for a pair (one on each side of the door) if you want symmetry and some extra glow.

Medium bronze modern grill rectangular outdoor light, $189, shadesoflight.com



walkway

Even if you mainly use the back door or garage for day-to-day coming and going, a well-kept walkway boosts a home's curb appeal and is a lovely "welcome" message.



geraniums

The Powells lined their walkway with bright red geraniums, which match the front door. Tip: Fresh mulch makes any plant look (and thrive!) better.



arched door

On houses with lots of peaks and sharp angles like this one, an arched door adds softness. Plus, it has a charming cottage-in-the-woods feeling.

Rustic arch entry door, $1,280, doors4home.com

potted plants

Cluster groups of containers by the front door if you don't have beds to fill. The Powells put leafy plants such as coleus, elephant's ear, coralbells, Boston ferns, and dracaenas in theirs.



paint colors

HOUSE: Navajo White by Sherwin-Williams
TRIM: Black Bean by Sherwin-Williams
DOOR: Ruby Ring by Behr



ferns

Lush Boston ferns (above) fill containers really well. Keep them outside while temperatures are above 45 degrees, but bring them inside as houseplants during winter.

PLANTS, FROM TOP: JUDY LAWRANCE/ALAMY; GETTY IMAGES; STILLS: COURTESY OF MANUFACTURERS



HOMEOWNERS:
Lisa and Curt Chase
BUILT IN: 1912
BOUGHT IN: 2007

"We get a lot of compliments on our front yard. When we first moved in, there was no landscaping at all, so it's our mark on the house. All the color really makes it come alive."

IDEAS TO STEAL

door handle

A shiny brass handle on a paneled door is like a string of pearls with a black dress: so classic!

Arlington single cylinder handleset in antique brass, $130, kwikset.com for stores





patio doors

French doors look so pretty with shutters! The pair on the front porch have shutters that match the style on all the windows.



paint colors

HOUSE: Escape Gray by Sherwin-Williams
SHUTTERS AND DOOR: Caviar by Sherwin-Williams

trees in urns

The Chases flanked their front entry with a pair of gardenia trees in urns. The pathway steps are decorated with a potted pink hibiscus tree, like the one shown below.

Extra-large Acanthus urn in chocolate, $129, ballarddesigns.com





house numbers

They come in so many fonts—why not coordinate them with your house style? These scripty numbers pair well with a traditional colonial.

Gatehouse 4" aluminum black numbers, $1.50 each, lowes.com

flower beds

The Chases filled their beds with astilbe, lilyturf, and hydrangeas, then framed the flowers with boxwoods so the yard looks layered and full.



hostas

Gotta love 'em! The variegated color on the heart-shaped leaves has a cool dimensional look, plus they're shade- and drought-tolerant.

PLANTS, FROM LEFT: GETTY IMAGES; VISIONSBOTANICAL/AGE FOTOSTOCK; STILLS: COURTESY OF MANUFACTURERS



HOMEOWNER:
Joyce Egan
BUILT IN: 1924
BOUGHT IN: 1996

"My favorite thing about the house is the front porch. I'll spend afternoons out here just relaxing and waving to neighbors."

IDEAS TO STEAL



paint colors

HOUSE: Kestrel White by Sherwin-Williams
PORCH DETAIL AND GARAGE DOOR: Deep Ruby by Sherwin-Williams
TRIM: Sagebrush Green by Behr

railing

Small details such as the trellislike rail and trim on the front porch are what give the home its gingerbread house appeal.

impatiens

They're popular in pots thanks to their lively color and shade tolerance—and because they bloom from summer till frost.



grass and boxwood

Boxwood shrubs and hardy fescue grass help the yard stay green year-round.





stone facing

Joyce's chimney is limestone. Get the look with easy-to-install stone veneer.

Ridgestone in honey, from $6 per square foot, plygem.com for buying info



roof

These sturdy asphalt shingles have a 3-D look that subtly mimics slate.

Camelot lifetime designer shingles, $243 per 100 square feet, gaf.com for stores

lantern

A dark bronze lamppost that resembles a classic streetlight looks right at home in Joyce's hilly front yard. It lights up the landscape and the stairway leading to the front porch.

Quoizel Carson weathered bronze outdoor post light, $161, lampsplus.com



5 REASONS TO LOVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD

1. LITTLE TOWN IN A BIG CITY. Located 10 minutes from downtown Kansas City, Brookside has tree-lined streets and wide sidewalks that have a small-town, welcoming feel.

2. LOADS OF CHARACTER. Most of the houses were built in the early 1900s, so the charm factor is off the charts.

3. OUTDOOR SHOPPING. The neighborhood is centered around the Brookside Shopping District, which includes mom-and-pop stores and restaurants, and it's near the snazzy Country Club Plaza outdoor shopping area.

4. COMMUNITY EVENTS. Residents of all ages love the Brookside Art Annual and the St. Patrick's Warm-Up Parade.

5. IT'S SWEET. Russell Stover Candies is headquartered here!



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Population	116,989
Median home price	$252,896
Median household income	$99,684

Real estate report
“Our market is strong; Frisco is one of Texas’ fastest growing communities. The average cost of a three-bedroom home is $280,000.” —Christina White of Coldwell Banker

HOUSE STATS
5 BR, 4½ BA
4,900 sq. ft.
Built in 2008
Bought in 2010
$439,000
Property taxes
$9,164/yr



MEET THE FAMILY
David Raisey (on steps), a real estate agent; and Darius Raisey, a wedding dress designer; with Peighton, 7; Britland, 4; and Braq Elle, 4

THE BILL PILE

ONE DOZEN EGGS..... $2.09

LOAF OF FRESH SOURDOUGH BREAD..... $2.99

EXPRESS CAR WASH.....$5

PARKING TICKET (FOR PARKING IN A FIRE LANE).....$267

DRY CLEANING (ONE DRESS).....$8.10

BEST-SELLING ENTRÉE AT A TOP-RATED STEAKHOUSE..... $32 for blue-cheese-stuffed filet mignon at Randy’s Steakhouse

ADULT TICKET TO SCIENCE MUSEUM..... $6.50

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (MONTH PASS) ..... $65 for DART

WINDOW CLEANING.....$8/window

ANNUAL TUITION AT PRIVATE SCHOOL.... $11,480 for 4th grade (Legacy Christian Academy)

LAWN CARE.....$26/visit for weekly service

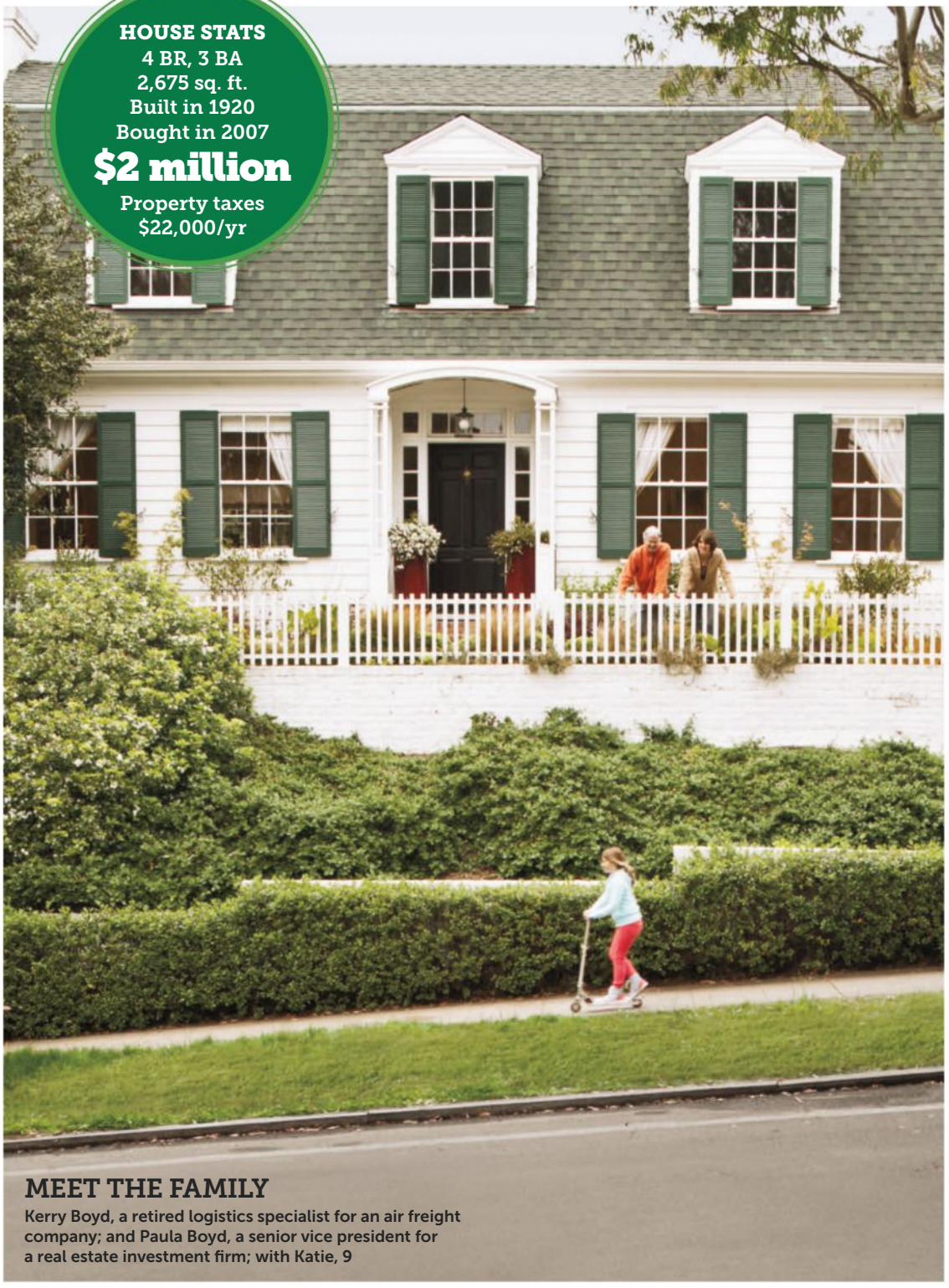
HANDYMAN.....$45/hr

TICKET TO LOCAL OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION.....from $5

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Meet two families who live in two very different parts of the country. See how their expenses compare.





MEET THE FAMILY

Kerry Boyd, a retired logistics specialist for an air freight company; and Paula Boyd, a senior vice president for a real estate investment firm; with Katie, 9

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Population	805,235
Median home price	$635,882
Median household income	$83,495

Real estate report

“With little inventory, low interest rates, and the tech boom, prices are rising. A three-bedroom house here can run $1.5 million.” —Ron Abta of TRI-Coldwell Banker

THE BILL PILE

ONE DOZEN EGGS.....$1.96

LOAF OF FRESH SOURDOUGH BREAD.....$3.59

EXPRESS CAR WASH.....$17

PARKING TICKET (FOR PARKING IN A FIRE LANE).....$65

DRY CLEANING (ONE DRESS).....$9.70

BEST-SELLING ENTRÉE AT A TOP-RATED STEAKHOUSE.....$42 for grilled filet mignon at Alexander’s Steakhouse

ADULT TICKET TO SCIENCE MUSEUM.....$15

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (MONTH PASS).....$74 for BART/Muni

WINDOW CLEANING..... $12.75/window

ANNUAL TUITION AT PRIVATE SCHOOL..... $23,295 for 4th grade (Presidio Hill School)

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- 2 cans (8 oz each) **RO*TEL®** Original Tomato & Green Chili Sauce
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar and Monterey Jack blend cheese, divided

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cook tortilla pieces and chicken in a skillet until hot, stirring frequently.
2. Pour undrained tomatoes and sauce over and mix well. Sprinkle half of cheese on top, cover and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently.
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quickie makeover!



1 SLIPCOVERS Two custom slipcovers—one white canvas, one brown velvet—give your couch a year-round wardrobe. To get a glovelike fit, let the pros do the measuring. Stores such as Calico Corners and upholstery shops typically send someone out to take measurements, make a pattern, then fit the finished cover onto your couch a few weeks later.

2 PILLOWS Lively green and yellow get replaced with spicy red, orange, and brown. But it's not just colors that count. Switch out fabrics and textures, too. Trade cotton and linen for cuddle-worthier velvet. Want to up your fluff? Use a slightly larger-than-required down insert. Example: An 18-inch insert makes a 16-inch pillow cover feel extra plush.

3 SIDE TABLES A light-color tray table with an assortment of plants in colorful pots gets traded for a rich brown side table with a display of manzanita branches (find them at jamaligarden.com) and glass bottles. The beachy whitewashed mirror above it got switched out too, for a stained-wood version. An artwork swap would be just as easy.

one room, two looks



4 RUGS A flat-weave cotton or wool rug feels great underfoot on warm days. When the weather cools off, replace it with one you can really sink your feet into. Got wall-to-wall carpet? Layer smaller rugs on top—just underneath the coffee table, for example. Another neat trick: Design your own super-cushy rug by having high-pile carpet cut and bound.

5 CURTAINS Sheer white linen panels are terrific in the summer. So breezy! Come fall, store them away and hang velvet drapes. You can find some that are double-wide (100 inches across rather than 50), or just add two panels on each side. All that extra fabric will instantly make your space more warm and cozy.

6 EXTRAS Replace a white lampshade with a darker-hued one and it looks like you bought a whole new fixture. The tray on the coffee table is lined with two different placemats—talk about a super-quick color switch. And the easiest swap of all: color-coordinated coffee table books that match the other accessories in the room.

FOR SHOPPING SOURCES, SEE PAGE 154.



yes, that's

CHEERFUL NEW COLORS

Royce preserved most of the original wood siding and updated the look with fresh paint colors: Iron Mountain on the siding and Pale Avocado on the shutters, both by Benjamin Moore. The trim is Gypsum by Pittsburgh Paints.

CAMOUFLAGE TRICK! HE PAINTED HIS GAS METER THE SAME COLOR AS THE HOUSE.

HARDY PLANTS

The Amerishade grass thrives under the yard's mature trees because it's so shade-tolerant. Royce chose the small boxwoods since they require minimal water, and he can hedge them as they grow to maintain a sculptural look.

FRIENDLY FRONT PORCH

The comfy, deep-seated swing from Design Within Reach is made of recycled plastic, so it's fade-resistant and waterproof. Royce painted the concrete floor gray. Try Pelican by Valspar.

the same house!



PRIVACY FENCE

The home is on a corner lot, so Royce enclosed the backyard. The fence's cedar slats run horizontally, like the house's siding. "Cedar turns gray as it weathers," says Royce. "So over time the fence will look even better against the house."

REJUVENATED LIMESTONE

Royce power-washed the original limestone chimney to restore its clean, textured look and built a matching limestone wall to surround the property (see it on the next page).

FEWER PLANTS, LESS WATERING

Overgrown shrubs that once blocked the porch got the ol' heave-ho. In their place: a bed of limestone gravel. It requires zero maintenance, and it matches the chimney to boot.

A 1939 Austin, TX, cottage gets a major overhaul. It's practically unrecognizable—in all the right ways.



leave it to home builder and remodeler Royce Flournoy to have the coolest new home in his neighborhood...and it's 73 years old! Some people wouldn't think twice about tearing down and rebuilding from scratch. Not Royce. He gave this shabby-looking house a second chance. "I wanted a clean, modern look, without sacrificing the original architectural charm of the place," he says. So with a few coats of paint, lots of limestone, and some inventive landscaping, his cottage got a curb appeal boost that extends all the way to the backyard. By converting a rickety carport into a media room and an office, which he connected to the house, he also boosted his quality of life (and his home's value)! "Covering my car wouldn't make me nearly as happy as kicking back and watching TV in my new space," he says.

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PRODUCED AND WRITTEN BY **JENNIFER BERNO**
STYLING BY **ELIZABETH DEMOS**



LOTS OF BLUE POTS

For a cool pop of color against the brown house, Royce went with ceramic planters in shades of blue, from bright turquoise to deep cobalt.

OUTDOOR EATING

"I love to barbecue and entertain—luckily Austin has warm weather most of the year," says Royce. He filled the empty space by the back door with a teak dining table and weatherproof plastic chairs.

PARKING PAD

Royce poured concrete for a parking space that's surrounded by gravel. He gave it texture and skid resistance with a salt finish, a treatment that creates small pockets in the concrete. "I wanted it to look a little worn down, not like a new parking lot," he says.



STONE WALL

The limestone wall looks pretty from the street and is a buffer between passing traffic and the yard. Royce hired a skilled mason who put up the wall in a week. "It makes for a nice cozy, private feeling in the backyard," he says.



BRAND-NEW ROOMS
Royce kept the roof of the original carport intact, but he reframed the layout and enclosed the space to create an office and a media room with cottagey windows running across one side.

year-round plant picks

The landscape was designed with ease of care in mind: hardy grass, sturdy boxwoods, and fuss-free gravel. The same goes for the decorative pots, which Merrideth Jiles of Austin's The Great Outdoors nursery filled with practically invincible plants. "They won't wither in the heat or drown in heavy rains, so they're perfect for challenging climates like we have in Austin," says Merrideth. "And they'll thrive all year, so you don't have to change out your containers."





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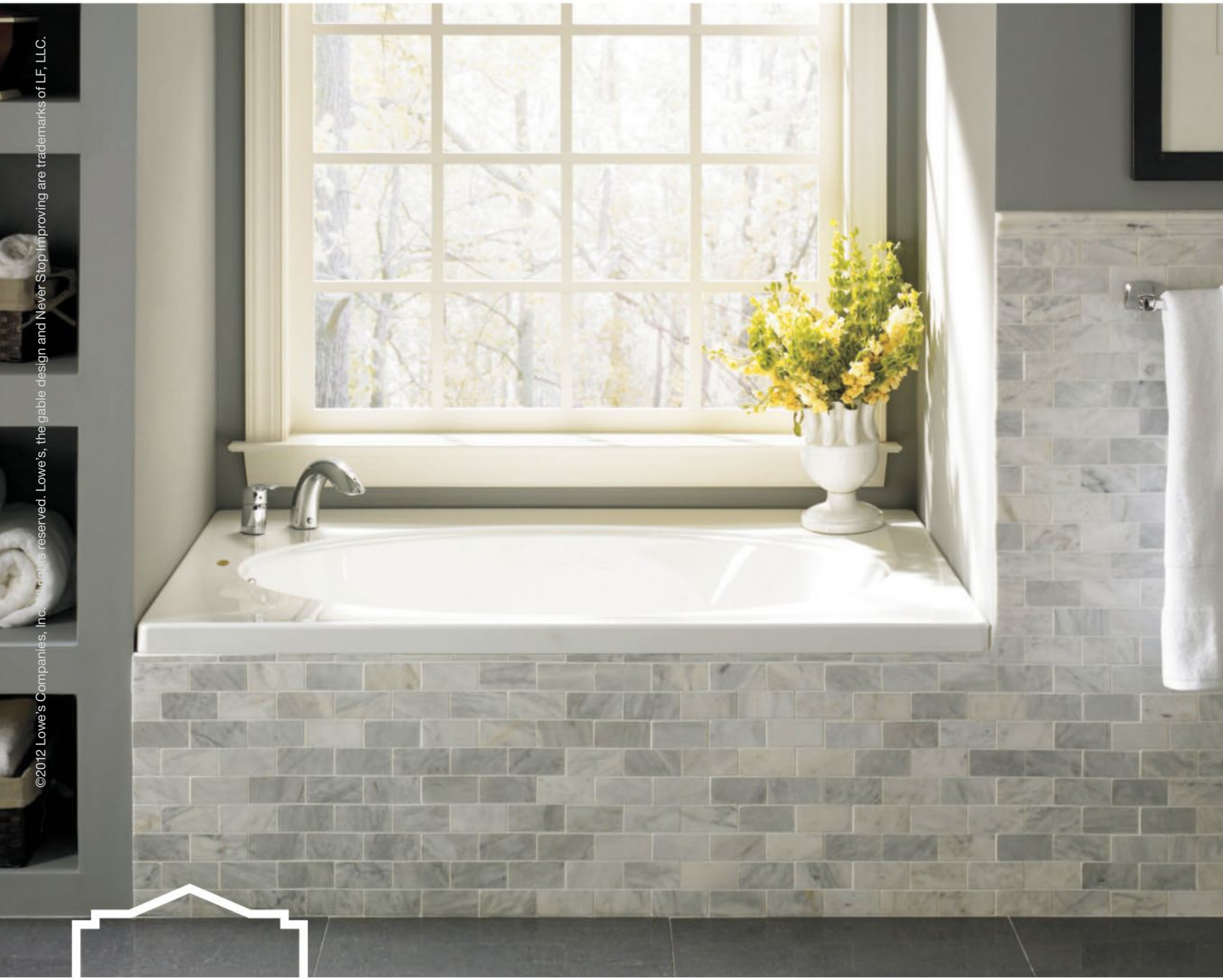
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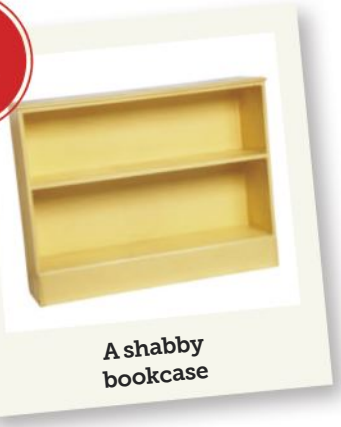
Turn castoffs into pretty pieces you'll love and actually use. Here, the simple how-tos.

cheery bathroom storage

what you'll need:

- Medium-grit sandpaper
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic primer
- Semigloss latex paint in 2 colors
- Painter's tape

THE FIND



A shabby bookcase

1 Sand the wood to remove any old paint or varnish and to even out any nicks.

2 Prime the entire piece and let dry, then paint the inside of the shelves (we used Fall Harvest by Benjamin Moore); let dry.

3 Tape off the interior edges of the shelves. Apply the second color (ours is Jet Stream by Benjamin Moore) to the outside of the bookcase. Use short strokes and just a little paint at a time on the shelves' narrow edges to avoid drips. Let dry. Fill baskets with bath goodies and place them on the shelves.

THE FLIP



a snazzy centerpiece

what you'll need:

- Ammonia
- Medium-grade steel wool
- Spray primer for metal
- Gloss-finish spray paint in assorted colors

THE FIND



Old brass candlesticks

1 In a well-ventilated area, wipe down the candlesticks with a 50/50 mixture of ammonia and water to remove any dirt.

2 Rub the candlesticks lightly with the steel wool to rough up the metal. Coat each candlestick with primer, then let dry.

3 Spray-paint each candlestick, one color at a time. We used Krylon indoor/outdoor paint in Bauhaus Gold [A], Purple [C], Bahama Sea [D], and Sweet Cream [F], and Rust-Oleum in Real Orange [B] and Sun Yellow [E]. Stand the candlestick upright for the first coat, then flip it over and set it upside down for the second so you cover every nook and cranny. To avoid globs, spray quickly with a light hand from about a foot away.

COOL IDEA: Match candles to candlestick colors.

THE FLIP



WRITTEN BY **JESSICA DODELL-FEDER** PRODUCED BY **ANTHONY SANTELLI**

BEFORES: ALISON GOOTEE/STUDIO D; AFTERS: PHILIP FRIEDMAN/STUDIO D



a jazzed-up office organizer

what you'll need:

- Screwdriver
- Medium-grit sandpaper
- All-purpose spray cleaner
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic primer for metal
- Latex paint
- Adhesive shelf paper
- Metal ruler
- Utility knife
- Straight edge (like an old credit card)

1 Remove the cabinet's hardware. Note how it was assembled so you can put it back on later.

2 Rough up the metal with the sandpaper, then wipe down the cabinet with the cleaner.

3 Prime the cabinet—except the drawer fronts, which you'll be covering—and let dry. Then paint over the areas you primed. We used Bee's Wax by HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams. Let dry.

4 Measure a drawer front and add ⅜" to each side. Draw measurements on the back of the shelf paper (we used Chic Shelf Paper in Gold Leaf Damask, from $3.50 per sheet, chicshelfpaper.com) and cut with the utility knife. Unpeel the top of the paper and wrap it around the drawer's top edge. Slowly unpeel a little more at a time, smoothing the paper over the front of the drawer, first with your hands, then with the straight edge, to eliminate air bubbles.

5 Make a small cut in each corner of the shelf paper; neatly wrap it over the drawer's edges.

6 Repeat steps 4 and 5 for the other drawer, then reattach the hardware, puncturing through the paper.



a bright entryway piece

what you'll need:

- Screwdriver
- Wood filler
- Medium-grit sandpaper
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic primer
- Latex paint
- Wood drapery finial
- 4 coat hooks
- 4 pivoting hooks
- Accordion-arm mirror

1 Remove the old hooks. Fill any holes with wood filler. Let dry.

2 Sand the coatrack to smooth out the wood filler and remove any old paint or varnish.

3 Prime and let dry, then paint the entire piece—we used Lagoon by Martha Stewart Living Paint—and let dry. Use a brush that's smaller than the width of the coatrack to make the paint easy to control.

4 Prime and paint the drapery finial. Let dry, then screw to the top of the coatrack.

5 Screw in the new hardware, placing the coat hooks at the top of the coatrack and the pivoting hooks in the middle. Attach an accordian-arm mirror between the hooks.

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housetours



David Bromstad, host of *Color Splash*, lives in a cool place full of—you guessed it—bold colors! Take a tour of his one-of-a-kind Miami condo.

David personalized his black dining table by painting white circles on it.

david's true COLORS

PHOTOGRAPHS BY **JONNY VALIANT** WRITTEN BY **LAURIE SANDELL** STYLING BY **HEATHER CHONTOS**

HAIR AND MAKEUP: CHERIE COMBS FOR FORD ARTISTS; WARDROBE STYLIST: DANN RYAN WEIR FOR FORD ARTISTS



Egg-shaped chairs: Ecko by KMP Furniture



It's OK to have a design do-over

"When I first moved in, I tried to create a whole 'Mr. Color Splash' look. I painted the living room walls turquoise and put an orange cover on the couch with red pillows. Then I stopped, looked around, and said, 'I can't live like this.' It was the ugliest thing I'd ever done. So I returned 80% of the stuff I bought, painted the room white, and added some 'Mr. Color Splash' touches."

Star of the room

"The OPEN sign is from a movie prop house (etsy.com has great vintage props too), and it lights up from both sides. My boyfriend and I have to get the bulbs from Germany because they don't make them here anymore. At night, with it on, the whole place glows."

Raise the roof

"The ceilings in this room are low, not even eight feet. I needed something to give the impression of height, and the wide horizontal stripes on these silk curtains did the trick. They make a big, bold statement, but they look timeless because of the classic color combo."

What he'd change

"Dark wood is really gorgeous, but when you have two dogs, you see a lot of hair, which means a lot of vacuuming. I'm about ready to say, 'Give me some white floors, honey!'"

His angle on angles

"I decided not to put the rug parallel to the wall of windows in this room. Angling it helps fill up the space. If you tilt your rug, skew your furniture, too, so everything is squared. This striped rug is IKEA, and I bought it for about $200. I refuse to buy an expensive carpet until our French bulldogs are both house-trained. Under the chairs, I layer sheepskin rugs. They're all over the house!"

Sheepskin rugs: ivory white from sheepskintown.com



Can't miss that wallpaper

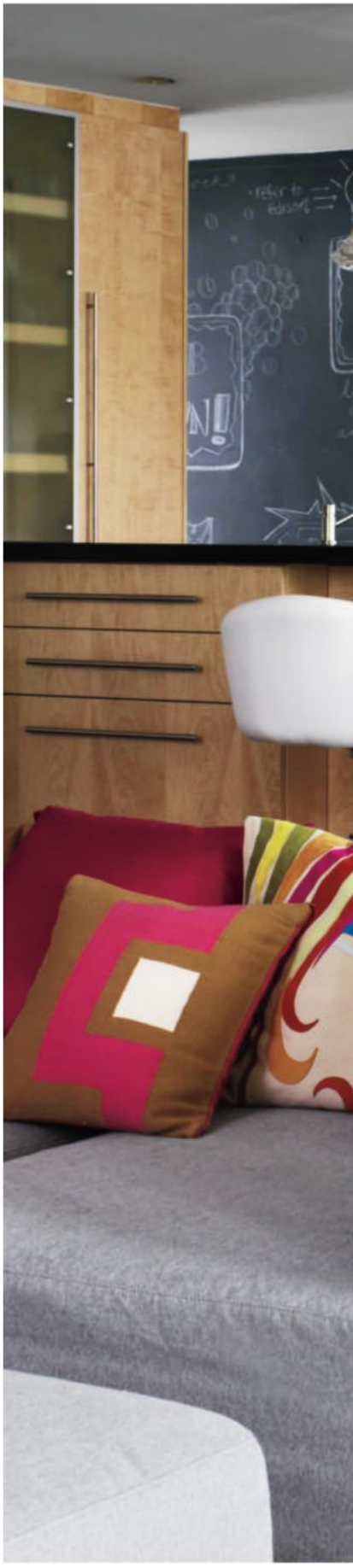
"It's from wall paperspace.co.uk; they do lots of oversize prints. My boyfriend doesn't like it, but I think it's fabulous. Some designers say you should scale your wallpaper to the size of your room, but I don't agree. Just do one wall, instead of putting it everywhere."

Love your bed, sleep or no sleep

"I found the bed at a thrift store. It was shiny white, so I sprayed it with flat white paint to make it look like porcelain. Now it's one of my favorite things. I don't sleep more than three hours at a time—I usually wake up for an hour, then go back to bed for a few."

That Mona Lisa pillow? It's a dog bed!

"I saw it in a pet store and said, 'I have to have this pillow and it's going on my bed.' If I'm unhappy, I look for pieces to bring up my mood. You have to have your little pops of color and your bold moments. Then you calm it down with neutrals. Mine are black, white, and gray."



The only painting in the house that isn't a David original

"The artwork is from a thrift store; I added the fuzzy stick-on mustache. It cracks me up paired with the Asian sculpture and plastic lamps."





He kept the cabinets!

"I wanted to change the birch cabinets to white and glass, but that was going to cost as much as a new kitchen! So I said, 'That's OK, they're pretty. I can live with them.' When I entertain, everyone hangs out at our kitchen island; it's 12 feet wide by five feet deep. The 'chalkboard wall' is actually black latex paint and white colored pencil. I didn't want it to rub off when people leaned up against it."

the king of splash talks COLORS

tangerine
"No, I wouldn't paint an entire room orange. But it's a great color for a single chair or some pillows on a couch. I love it paired with navy and turquoise."

fire engine red
"Red stimulates appetites and conversation, so it's a natural for a dining room. But a little goes a long way. Red walls and red accessories equal chaos."

fuchsia
"If you've got the guts to add fuchsia to a room, embrace it! Make it the star, and keep everything else muted and neutral."

soft pink
"Try it on a ceiling. It'll cast the entire room in a rosy glow—your skin will look incredible!"



acid green
"Ah, one of my favorite accent colors—I used it more than once in my house. It brings tons of life and energy into a room, especially a dark space."

turquoise
"Vibrant turquoise may catch your eye in the paint store, but it can make a space look like a little kid's room. If you want to use it on walls, go for a slightly muted shade."

black
"I treat black walls like the mat board in a picture frame. It's the perfect backdrop for mirrors and, of course, photos."

navy
"To make it really stand out, combo it with a light neutral, such as white or cream, and then a pop of vibrant color, like orange. The result is nautical gorgeousness."



Fastest collection ever

"My grandmother died a few months after we bought this place, and I got a little mid-century Viking glass bowl that belonged to her. I did some research and found tons of vases like it on eBay. I thought, *I have to do an installation!* It looks like I've been collecting them for years, but I actually got them all in about three months. They are my pride and joy."

Most used corner in the house

"These unbelievably comfortable vinyl chairs are great for lounging with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. The lambskin rug is ridiculous. When I'm reading—with my dog Dozer on my lap, of course—I spend the entire time digging my feet in. I wish I could have my whole life wrapped in that rug. And of course I had to have a flamingo. We live in Miami, for crying out loud!"

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Ever walk into a house and say, "I'd never think to put those colors/patterns/fabrics together in one room, but I love it!"? Denver designer Ramey Caulkins has a houseful of ideas for

MIXING THINGS UP





PHOTOGRAPHS BY **DAVID TSAY** WRITTEN BY **KENDELL CRONSTROM** STYLING BY **MATTHEW GLEASON**

family room

floral curtains + striped sofa + orange and green

The curtains were the starting point for this room, where Hayden, 7, and Eliza, 5, hang out the most. The rug and striped sofa share the same hues as the curtains (try matching colors, not patterns), and a chartreuse chandelier makes the cut after it's fitted with coffee-color shades.







living room

"I found the rug on a trip to Los Angeles, stored it in the garage for more than a year, then decorated the room around my memory of what it looked like," says Ramey. "Luckily, when we unrolled the carpet, it was just as I remembered!" The wall color and carpet share the same brown hue, but Ramey restricted the rusty red, another shade in the rug, to just a lampshade. "I needed one pop to tie it all together," she says. She lightened up the room with a soft blue velvet sofa. The floral club chairs round out the combo since they echo the blue and brown tones too.

a great mix

trellis curtains
Imperial Trellis in natural/coffee by Kelly Wearstler-House of KWID for Schumacher



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velvet sofa
Madison Velvet in sky by Victoria Hagan Home Collection



+

floral chairs
For a similar look, try: Lily Tree in mocha by Madeaux by Richard Smith



+

taupe walls
Mouse's Back by Farrow & Ball





stairway

Pictures lined the stairs in Ramey's childhood home, so she wanted to re-create the look. "You don't have to measure everything out. Just hang things where they look good to you," she says. On the stairs, Ramey added a hard-wearing wool runner with a geometric print in the same colors as the house's exterior. "How can anything not go with gray and white?" she says. To prove her point, she added green and coral with a skirted console table that hides candles and other accessories underneath it.

a great mix



table skirt trim
Bijou Stripe in new shrimp greens with camel by Quadrille



geometric carpet
Park Square in white/gray, starkcarpet.com



cream walls
Joa's White by Farrow & Ball

dining room

Ramey used a favorite decorator trick on her floor-to-ceiling curtains. "The stripes are supposed to hang vertically, but we rotated the fabric so they're horizontal instead," she says. "Horizontal stripes are easier to live with in a small room." She pulled the raspberry color from the curtains and covered the walls in grass cloth dyed to match. And where did that green for the chairs come from? It's not totally random: "It's actually the same green that's in the rug," she says. As for the leopard-print seats, "I knew that fabric would wear like iron."

a great mix

red grass cloth walls
Osan Sisal in red by Schumacher



striped curtains
For a similar look, try: Gloria Siena by Fadini Borghi for Pierre Frey



leopard-print seats
Congo Grospoint in beige by Brunschwig & Fils



green chairs
Jalepeno Pepper by Benjamin Moore









kitchen

The whole look was created around the blue-gray limestone floors and countertops, which Ramey had sealed to prevent liquid from seeping in. The ceramic tile backsplash has a pale aqua glaze that picks up the color on the wall, and the island is topped with dark walnut to balance out all those cool hues. There's not much wall space, but the little there is got a coat of bluish green. But the real bursts of color come from Hayden's and Eliza's artwork. "I hang their pictures with painter's tape on the cabinets and the fridge," says Ramey. "They get rotated every couple of months. Sometimes it's hard to get them to take one down if they think it's a masterpiece!"

a great mix

limestone counters and floors
French Blue limestone, annsacks.com



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walnut butcher block
For a similar look, try: Walnut End Grain Varnique, johnboos.com



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pale aqua backsplash
For a similar look, try: ASC Elements Field Tiles in dream, annsacks.com



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blue-green walls
Green Blue by Farrow & Ball





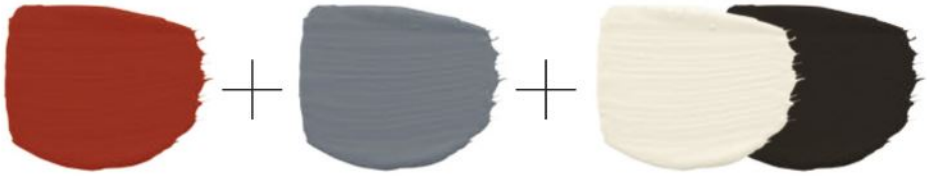


Ramey hangs with Hayden and Eliza.

outside

Ramey and her husband, Max, had been looking for a house with a sense of history, something that reminded Ramey of the Buffalo, NY, home she grew up in. But when plans for a remodel of an older home fell through, they ended up in a brand-new house. To capture the been-there-forever look, Ramey painted the house charcoal gray, and the window frames high-gloss black. "The trim is not white and it's not ivory, it's a color that looks like whipped cream," says Ramey. The red door adds major zing. "It's how I direct people here: 'I'm halfway up the street, the house with the red door!'"

a great mix



red front door
Blazer by
Farrow & Ball

gray siding
Smoke Gray by
Benjamin Moore

cream and black trim
White Blush and Black,
both by Benjamin Moore

eliza's room

The dresser, which Ramey found at a vintage shop in Florida, got the pink ball rolling. The headboards were a garage sale find that Ramey's mother, an artist, painted with a monkey pattern. Eliza picked out the crisscross quilts herself. They're modern but still kidlike, so they're easy to grow with. The bed skirts have pleats at the corners and are tied with pink ribbon. Ramey painted the pagoda-frame mirror, which belonged to her grandmother, a coral pink. "It's pretty mod-looking," she says. "I love that my grandmother was so cool."

a great mix



crisscross quilts
Pink Diamond quilt, serenaandlily.com



dotty bed skirts
Chou Chou in heron by Sister Parish Design



coral mirror frame
Dragon Fruit by Behr



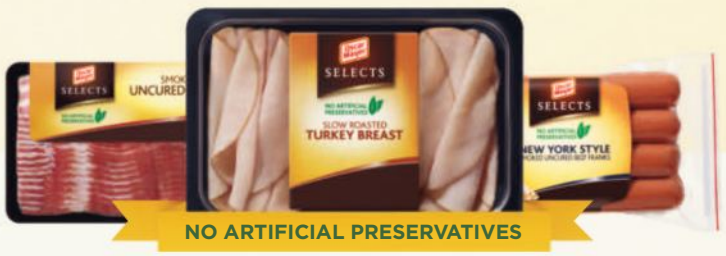
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sarah richardson

Sarah's House

"Not every kitchen redo involves a gut job. I say, 'Love what you have, and make it look new!' We updated these drab wood cabinets with paint and gave the room a retro diner vibe."



COLORS

Dark wood islands have been a recurring kitchen trend for a decade, but why not be a little daring and do something light and bright? This one's small, so it can easily be repainted another color if the urge strikes.

CABINETS

Drawers can be more expensive to build than cabinets, but I find they're more versatile and less likely to become a disorganized mess. For extra storage in this kitchen, I used inexpensive wooden stair treads from Lowe's to create open shelving in front of the sunny window.

COUNTERS

I love natural stone and I always will, but I have quartz in my own kitchens, and I recommend it to clients, too. It's super durable, and heat- and scratch-resistant—plus, it doesn't stain, and it comes in tons of colors. This one has a flecked design that combines all the shades in the room, including a



glint of metal, which picks up the barstools and lights.

LIGHTING

A kitchen without pendants can feel institutional, but add too many and you have a lighting showroom! That's where recessed ceiling lights—to illuminate work zones—pick up the slack.

FLOORS

Know your limits, both financially and functionally. We replaced the existing linoleum floor in here with marbled-finish Marmoleum tiles. Changing to stone would have raised the height of the floor and crept into the baseboards, and it would've cost double.

BACKSPLASH

Here's the place to make a statement and tie your whole color scheme together. This mosaic tile—a mix of glass and stone—had all the colors we used in the room, and it came in 12-inch x 12-inch sheets that were easy to install without any special cuts.

GET THE LOOK



PAINT Breath of Fresh Air by Benjamin Moore

PENDANT Kichler Fresnel Lens pendant in polished nickel, $253, lampsplus.com



BACKSPLASH Merola Rustica subway porcelain tile in neptune blue, $17 per sheet (11¾" x 11¾"), homedepot.com



FLOOR TILES Marmoleum Click vinyl tile, from $7 per square foot, forbo-flooring.com for buying info

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meg caswell

Meg's Great Rooms

"Just because a kitchen is a functional space doesn't mean it can't be fun. It should reflect your personality: If you love to throw parties, make it party central!"



COLORS

I like kitchens to have a sophisticated feel. So here we did rich gray on the cabinets but added color with a fuchsia-red glass backsplash that extends all the way up to the ceiling behind the range. The floral Roman shade on the window adds a little more color to the space, and the butcher-block island calms down the palette.

CABINETS

If I'm building custom cabinetry, I love to specialize it with dividers and rollout devices. But in this room, we kept a lot of the existing cabinets, so I added function with really cool backsplash organizers. They store everyday items like spoons and spices while keeping the counters clear.

COUNTERS

Carrara marble has an elegant look that goes with everything. People shy away from marble because they think it can be hard to keep up, but it's actually an extremely lasting material, and history proves it: Europeans have been using it for thousands of years! Sure, it absorbs stains, but I think that just adds to its pretty patina.

LIGHTING

I always use can lighting above the counters, plus under-cabinet lights so the prep space is illuminated. But I never miss a chance for a decorative fixture in a kitchen, like a striking chandelier over the island.

APPLIANCES

You don't have to stick to one suite if the individual appliances don't suit your needs, but stay with one finish and style of handle to tie everything together.

BACKSPLASH

Tempered glass that's painted from behind has a smooth, solid color throughout. And it's amazingly functional: Just spray it with glass cleaner and run a cloth over it.

GET THE LOOK

PAINT Galveston Gray by Benjamin Moore



BUTCHER BLOCK Hard Rock maple-edge grain counter, $32 per square foot, johnboos.com for buying info



CHANDELIER Haggas pendant lamp, $60, IKEA stores



WINDOW SHADE Zahara in Raspberry by Fabricut

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john colaneri & anthony carrino

Kitchen Cousins



John, left, and Anthony

"We design a lot of 'transitional' kitchens: They're in between traditional and contemporary, which is easy to live with for a long time."



COLORS

Color is our staple, so we're always going to throw something bright in the kitchen. We chose the pink, gray, and white palette in this room based on a scrap of wallpaper that reminded the owner of her childhood home.

CABINETS

Ask yourself how many cabinets you really need. Just because you have the space doesn't mean you have to fill it with cabinets. We kept the cabinetry pretty spare in this room because the homeowner didn't have much to store.

COUNTERS

We're huge proponents of quartz for countertops because it's practically indestructible. Plus, it comes in all sorts of finishes, from solid colors to marble and granite look-alikes.

LIGHTING

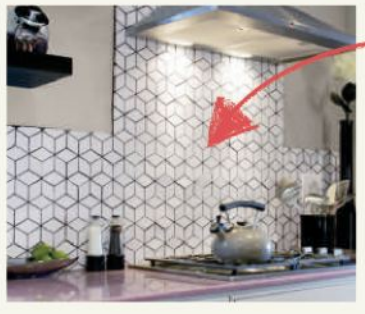
Recessed high hats are a go-to for us. They do the hard work of lighting up the kitchen but still create a warm look. We put decorative lighting over either an island or the sink.

APPLIANCES

We tell clients to look for counter-depth refrigerators instead of deeper models that stick out from the cabinetry. You get a more custom look that way. And anything Energy Star helps with the bills.

BACKSPLASH

Black grout accentuates the pattern of a backsplash—in this case, a diamond pattern—and it never looks dirty, like white grout can.

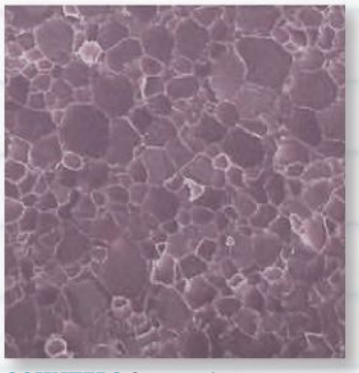


GET THE LOOK

PAINTS Fashion Gray, top, and Platinum Gray, both by Behr



FAUCET Delta Windemere high-arc kitchen faucet in oil-rubbed bronze, $129, lowes.com



COUNTERS Queen of Hearts quartz, $100 per square foot, caesarstoneus.com for buying info



BACKSPLASH Little Diamonds ceramic tile, $24 per square foot, heathceramics.com

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Design on a Dime



"Some rooms should feel like calm retreats. But a kitchen is filled with life and energy, so you can make bold choices."



COLORS

I'm always working on a tight budget, so paint is one of my staples. In here, we used bright green on the cabinets for a throwback feel. I added red on a repurposed dresser-turned-island that can wheel around the kitchen. It doesn't look too Christmasy because the green is minty and the red has a lot of orange in it.



CABINETS

Open shelves expand a room, but there's a lot of pressure to make everything on them look nice. That's why you need plenty of closed space for canned goods and other things you want to stash away. Here we added extra storage in the dining nook with a lift-top bench, which holds pots and pans.

COUNTERS

Resuscitate original tile countertops and backsplashes by adding a thick enamel coating. You have to hire a professional to do this: It's similar to refinishing a bathtub. It gives the tile a consistent finish that makes it look new without any demo.

LIGHTING

I'm a fan of pendants, so we added one over the banquette to make the room feel more intimate. When you have the space over an island or counter, a trio of pendants always looks great.

FLOORS

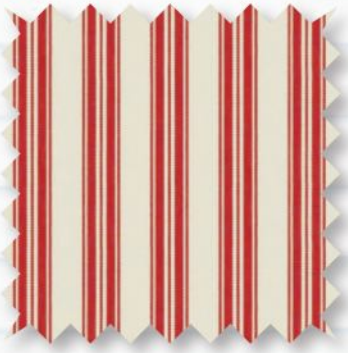
Black and white linoleum tiles are a kitchen no-brainer. They're totally classic, so cheap, and really easy to install yourself. A checkerboard pattern never goes out of style.

GET THE LOOK

PAINTS
Thyme Green and Firecracker, both by Behr



KNOBS Amerock knob in cherry-stained maple, $3, sears.com

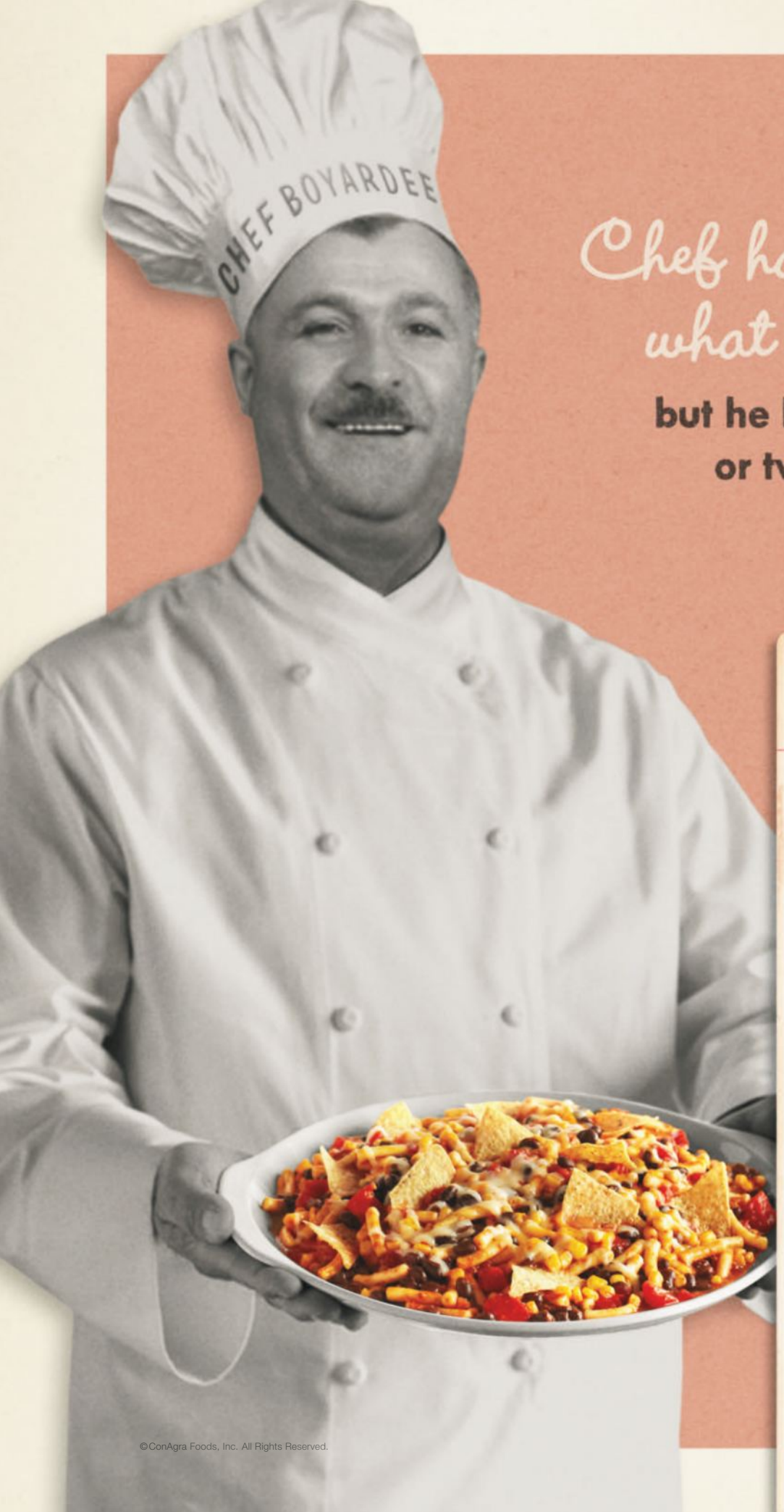


WINDOW SHADE
Ticktock in scarlet, $25 per yard, calicocorners.com



FLOOR TILES Alterna Premium Groutable vinyl tile, from $5.50 per square foot, armstrong.com for buying info

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INGREDIENTS:

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- 1 cup shredded Italian blend cheese

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place Beefaroni, drained tomatoes, beans, corn and cumin in large saucepan; stir to combine.
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Yes, you *can* upgrade what you already have.



STEP 1
Round up all the parts.

Empty your cabinets, unscrew the doors, and remove the drawers. Label where each one goes with a marker and painter's tape (put the tape in a discreet spot, like where the hinges were). If you're reusing the hardware, stash it in a bag, and label it, too. Wipe down all the exterior surfaces with a sponge and a cleaner that strips the wood of grease and dirt, such as Savogran TSP-PF all-purpose heavy-duty cleaner ($4.50, lowes.com).



STEP 2
Prep the surfaces.

If you're planning to replace the pulls or knobs with new ones, fill any holes left from the original hardware with a 1½" putty knife and spackling paste, such as MH Ready Patch, and let dry. Sand the wood using medium-grit sandpaper wrapped around a block for flat surfaces and small pieces of sandpaper for beveled edges and trim. Vacuum up any dust using a brush attachment, then wipe everything down with a tack cloth.



STEP 3
Prime your wood.

Using a 1" angled brush, prime the edges and any grooves in the doors and drawer fronts. Next, with a 2½" straight brush, prime the flat surfaces on the doors and drawers. Let dry, then prime the door backs. Use the angled brush to prime the cabinet frames. Work in long, steady strokes, going in the direction of the wood's grain. Finally, use the straight brush to prime all of the cabinet sides.



STEP 4
Apply two fresh coats of color.

Paint the doors, drawers, and cabinet frames with two coats of semigloss latex, following the same method you used to prime them. Let dry. Then reinstall everything and screw your new (or original) hardware into place. You can add small cork bumpers ($2 for 24, acehardwaresuperstore.com) to the insides of the doors and drawers so they won't slam into the frame and chip your nice, new paint job.

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no-fail **colors**



BLUES

- **Salt Water** by Martha Stewart Living Paint (above)
- **Honest Blue** by Sherwin-Williams
- **Provence** by Olympic



GRAYS

- **Mindful Gray** by HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams (above)
- **Light Pewter** by Benjamin Moore
- **Forde Abbey** by Ralph Lauren



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- **Demeter** by Pittsburgh Paints (above)
- **Jersey Cream** by HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams
- **Butter Cookie** by Valspar



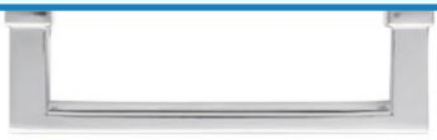
GREENS

- **Liberty Park** by Benjamin Moore (above)
- **Frosted Green Grape** by Glidden
- **Rejuvenate** by Behr

GO-WITH-ANYTHING KNOBS AND PULLS



1¼" ceramic ivory oil-rubbed bronze knob, $13, restorationhardware.com



Martha Stewart Living 3" channel cabinet hardware pull, $3, homedepot.com



Dominion pull in oil-rubbed bronze, $12, baldwinhardware.com



1⅜" hexagonal knob in French antique finish, $8, rejuvenation.com

FROM LEFT: BLUE: KITCHEN CLASSICS SADDLE WALL CABINET, LOWES.COM; GRAY: SQUARE BEADED PANEL, YELLOW: PAINTABLE SHAKER DOOR; GREEN: TRADITIONAL ARCH FLAT PANEL. ALL HORIZONCABINETDOOR.COM



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every kitchen has a story

"I doubled my storage by reconfiguring my space"

This Illinois mom dreamed of an orderly pantry and chaos-free drawers. Take a peek around her pretty, practical space.

Kenna MacKinnon buys everything in bulk. "I'm a Costco shopper, what can I say?" she admits, laughing. With four kids younger than 12, it's the only way she knows she'll have what she needs when she needs it. So when the MacKinnons moved to a house in Oak Park, IL, that came with a sad excuse for a kitchen—a cramped layout, limited storage—a makeover was a must. It didn't require a gut job, just some smart reconfiguring by designer Rebekah Zaveloff. "I spend half my life in the kitchen," says Kenna. "This room is a true lifesaver."





"My very own coffee bar!"

Open shelves over the single-shot coffeemaker hold canisters with all the fixin's. Mugs hang from S-hooks, and a microwave drawer lives below the countertop for quick reheats of morning joe.

"We scrapped one wall"

The back wall once housed a chimney and staircase, which came out to make way for a built-in pantry, side-by-side fridge and freezer, additional counter space, and more cabinets.

HAIR AND MAKEUP: ASHLEY VEST



"My smart move: easy-to-reach supplies"

Yes, she has plenty of storage, but grabbing everyday pots and pans from a hanging rack is easier than digging through dark cabinets. The rolling console below it holds more daily-use items. "I can also set it up as a bar for parties," says Kenna. "It's nice to have things that can be adapted as we need them."

"Three—count 'em, three—finishes"

The MacKinnons kept the cherry cabinets but added off-white cabinets on the facing wall, and painted the island a stone gray color (Arctic Shadows by Benjamin Moore). The speckly white granite countertops tie all of the cabinet looks together.

"Welcome to central command"

The island is set up so Kenna can see the kids in the backyard or the den as she preps. The dishwasher, housed in the island, backs up to the cabinets where plates and bowls are kept for easy unloading.

"Now there's room for kids!"

The original kitchen layout left little space for cooking, let alone playing (and, as Kenna knows, kids always want to be where the action is). So seats at the island and floor space for toys were at the top of her list.

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"I saved money by mixing styles"

During the reno, Rebekah, the kitchen designer, encouraged the MacKinnons to keep what they could. That included the cherry cabinets, subway tile, range, and hood. For the new backsplash across the room, Rebekah chose white glazed mosaic tiles. It goes with the old look but isn't matchy-matchy.



"My superstar: an organized pantry"

The floor-to-ceiling, 40-inch-wide pantry outfitted with shelves and drawers is large enough to store all those bulk-purchased goods. Bonus: The pantry is right next to the island, where the kids sit for afternoon snacks, so it helps them help themselves. The refrigerator-style hinges all around the kitchen are a special touch. Kenna added a latch detail to the outside of the pantry because it reminded her of an icebox she had growing up.

"from my recipe file"



kenna's minestrone soup

- ½ pound ground Italian sausage, cooked and drained
- ½ pound sliced Italian sausage links, cooked and drained
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 5 cups beef stock or broth
- 1 28-ounce can stewed tomatoes
- 4 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 medium carrots, sliced
- 1 15-ounce can garbanzo beans
- 9 ounces frozen green beans
- 4 ounces spaghetti, broken into thirds
- Italian parsley, for garnish

Bring three cups of water and first nine ingredients (through carrots) to a boil. Simmer for one hour, covered. Add garbanzo beans, green beans, and spaghetti. Simmer for one more hour, covered. Garnish with Italian parsley. Serves eight.

SOUP: MARSDEN, DAVID/THE FOOD PASSIONATES/CORBIS

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VIOLA



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BLACK-EYED SUSAN

	VIOLA	COLEUS	BLACK-EYED SUSAN
COLOR PERKS	Reseeding annual that is smaller than its pansy cousin. Abundant **purple, yellow, white, pink, and orange petals**.	Tender perennial known for its foliage in a kaleidoscope of colors, including **red, gold, pink, and green** combinations.	Hardy, easygoing perennial that produces **golden yellow flowers with dark brown centers**.
MAKE IT THRIVE	Can survive in **full sun or dappled shade**. Likes cooler temperatures (frost-hardy to 5 degrees Fahrenheit). Feed with **liquid fertilizer** often for tons of blooms.	There are varieties for **both sun and shade**. Water when leaves start to wilt, and use a **time-release fertilizer**.	**Plant in full sun** and water frequently for the first few weeks until the roots have taken hold. If your soil's sandy or heavy clay, add **compost** to improve drainage.
LOOKS GREAT WITH	Other cool-weather plants such as kale and ornamental cabbage.	Color-rich annuals like zinnias and begonias.	Other sun lovers like butterfly weed, salvia, and goldenrod.
WATCH OUT FOR	**Slugs and sow bugs,** which can damage leaves and roots during rainy conditions. Pick them off by hand or treat with insecticide.	Generally pest-free, but look out for damage on leaves from **slugs and snails**. Pick them off by hand or treat with insecticide.	**Slugs and sow bugs,** which can damage roots, leaves, and petals. Pick them off by hand or treat with insecticide.
GOOD TO KNOW	In mild winter areas, plant violas with pansies and tulip bulbs. **Pansies and violas will live through the winter**, and in the spring, the tulips will bloom, leaving you with a sweet display.	**Pinch off any flower heads** (you don't grow coleus for them, anyway) when they're young to boost leaf growth and encourage bushiness and strong stems.	Its sunny yellow color and strong, straight stem make it **a natural for arranging in a vase**.

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will last through fall

ASTER	MARIGOLD	COCKSCOMB	ORNAMENTAL KALE	GOLDENROD
				
Easy-to-grow perennial that puts out petite daisylike blossoms in **blue, violet, pink, and white**.	Lush annual that comes in **orange, yellow, bronze, and gold**. Available in varieties with single or double blooms.	Sun-loving annual that has feathery blooms in **crimson, orange, and yellow**. Stems can grow from 10 inches to a giant 30 inches tall!	Cool-weather, frilly-leaved plant with **pink, purple, and white** foliage.	Tall, back-of-the-border perennial that forms bright sprays of **yellow with dark green leaves** in late summer and early fall.
Tolerates lots of different conditions but **prefers full sun**, average moisture, and **well-draining soil**.	Easy to grow from seed, but late in the season, plant starter plants in **full sun**. Although they love the heat, they'll continue to bloom until first frost.	Plant in **full sun and water regularly**, though it's drought-tolerant once the roots take hold. Feed monthly with a **liquid fertilizer** for lots of blooms.	Plant in **full sun or partial shade** in rich, loose soil in an area protected from the wind. Keep **watered**, as moisture-starved leaves can turn yellow and fall off.	Likes **gritty soil and full sun**. Be careful—it can be invasive in overly fertile soil. Hardy to zero degrees Fahrenheit.
Echinacea, grasses, and black-eyed Susan.	Coleus and zinnias for bold color.	Mums and sedum 'Autumn Joy.'	Pumpkins, mums, and gourds for a classic fall display.	Salvia, asters, kale, or any other large-leaved plants for contrast.
Powdery mildew on leaves. Try a variety like aster 'Mönch,' which is more resistant to fungal problems.	**Spider mites, slugs, and snails.** Treat with insecticide, and act quickly—these pests can strip plants of their blooms overnight!	Wet, cold soil can cause **root rot**, so avoid planting in heavy clay soil.	**Cabbage caterpillars,** which can leave the foliage with gaping holes. Pick them off by hand or treat with insecticide.	**Powdery mildew;** spray with fungicide. Tall varieties may require staking to prevent them from falling over.
Spent flowers will drop their seeds in the ground, which can lead to lots of new seedlings in the spring. To prevent this, **deadhead the old blooms**.	Let some flowers dry, and **collect the seeds** they produce for next year.	**Hang cut flowers in a dry, airy place** to preserve them. Once dried, they'll keep their bright colors and ruffled shape.	Although you can eat ornamental kale, you probably don't want to. Some varieties are **not as tasty as their more tender cousins**.	**Doesn't cause allergy flare-ups** as is commonly thought—goldenrod often grows with ragweed, which is the real culprit.

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Three expert gardeners give us the dirt on their favorite ways to make their yards thrive.

Linda Ly blogs about all things edible and organic at gardenbetty.com. Her garden in Los Angeles is home to more than 100 plants and veggies, and even a chicken coop!



weeder

"This gadget's curved head makes it easy to dig deep into the ground to pull up hard-to-reach roots." CobraHead weeder and cultivator, $25, cobrahead.com



seed source

"For all-natural seeds, I like Baker Creek, which gets its inventory from small farmers and growers across the country." Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, rareseeds.com



work gear

"When the weather turns cold and wet, I slip on this boot version of my favorite clogs. They're comfy, durable, and washable." Classic Mid Mumsie, $105, bogsfootwear.com



easy fall flower

"I love the pom-pom shape of ornamental alliums. They're easy to care for, too—they're perennial bulbs, so you plant them once in the fall, and they come back year after year."



compost surprise

"Pour the last bit of warm leftover beer (unfiltered microbrews are especially good) in compost. The yeast in it will activate the bacteria in your heap, so it decomposes faster."



fertilizer

"Fish emulsion is rich in nutrients, but it's mild, so it won't burn your plants if you get fertilizer-happy!" Fish Emulsion with Kelp, $8 per quart, ebstone.org for stores



favorite herb

"I love growing African blue basil outdoors year-round. In colder climates, you can bring it indoors for the winter. As a bonus, its tiny purple blooms look beautiful in bud vases."



cutting tool

"There's virtually nothing this Japanese tool can't do. A cross between a knife and a trowel, it digs, cuts, scoops, *and* saws." Hori Hori tool, $22, gemplers.com



sturdy container

"Like a sleeker version of the classic terra-cotta pot, this clay planter is simple, neutral, and inexpensive." Mandel 10¾"-high pot, $13, IKEA stores



pest control

"Sprinkle these nontoxic pellets around veggies to get rid of destructive slugs, snails, and pill bugs." Sluggo Plus, $13 for 1-pound can, montereylawn garden.com for stores

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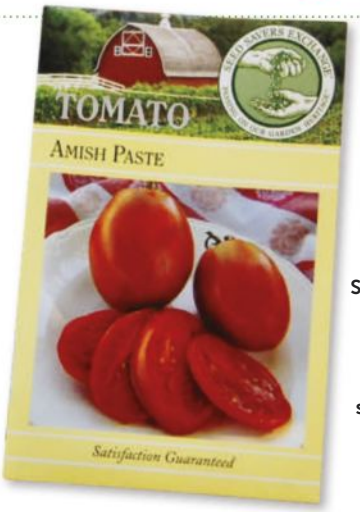
Melinda Myers, a former horticulture professor based in Milwaukee, has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening.*

"No matter the season, I always make sure my garden is full of color and texture. In the fall, it's **tall grasses** mixed with **eye-popping perennials** in deep reds, pinks, purples, and golds."



weeder

"The sharp prongs on this Canadian invention really dig deep into soil to grab weeds. It's also great for edging garden beds."
Short Dee Weeder, $20, deeweeder.com



seed source

"I like supporting Seed Savers Exchange because they work with the garden community to preserve heirloom seeds for the future."
Seed Savers Exchange, seedsavers.org



work gear

"I'm not a very pretty sight when I garden, but I do appreciate a good hat. This cotton one is lightweight with a nice wide brim."
C3 cotton crochet hat, $30, foxglovesinc.com



easy fall flower

"Cold-hardy pansies like this 'Cool Wave'—a new trailing variety—look so pretty in a fall garden. They'll even survive cold winters in the North to add color in the spring, too."



compost surprise

"While it may not be the *biggest* surprise, I love food scraps like apple cores in compost. They add nutrients, and using them this way means less trash."



fertilizer

"This organic fertilizer perks up almost any plant. It's especially good for fall lawns, trees, and bulbs."
Milorganite, $15 for 36 pounds, milorganite.com for stores



favorite herb

"One of my container plant picks, curly parsley has great color and texture, and it draws swallowtail caterpillars, which turn into the most stunning butterflies."



cutting tool

"This 27-inch lopper gives a lot of power with minimal effort—that's key when you have tons of pruning to tackle."
PowerGear bypass lopper, $48, fiskars.com



sturdy container

"Casters make it easy to push this planter around. It also has a built-in water reservoir."
Easy Roller 16¾"-high self-watering pot, $70, gardeners.com



pest control

"Unlike most repellents, this all-natural one actually smells nice while driving away deer, rabbits, squirrels, and skunks."
Animal Stopper granular, $20, messinawildlife.com

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Dorian Winslow has owned garden-supply company Womanswork since 2000. She lives in Pawling, NY, on a property with nearly four acres of gardens.

"In my garden, you'll find mostly **low-maintenance** plants that are native to the area. It looks natural but manicured. I tried to create the feeling of a cozy **outdoor room** off the back of my house."



weeder

"Since I don't like to put chemical weed killer on my lawn, I turn to this knifelike tool for popping out intruders by hand."
Ergonomic weeder, $10, radiusgarden.com



seed source

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Renee's Garden, reneesgarden.com



work gear

"I designed these gloves to be really grippy, so you can easily get a hold on tools and weeds."
Performance work/garden gloves, $23.50, womanswork.com



easy fall flower

"Sedum 'Autumn Joy' offers beautiful fall color. I often recommend it to beginner gardeners because it's nearly impossible to destroy."



compost surprise

"Eggshells add calcium to compost, which is beneficial to plants. Crush up the eggshells first, though, because they break down slowly."



fertilizer

"My mom, an avid gardener, always has this on hand, for good reason: It's a balanced organic fertilizer that works on almost all plants."
Plant-tone, $11 for 8 pounds, espoma.com for stores



favorite herb

"Before I put my garden to bed for winter, I cut back my sage. I hang the leaves to dry, then store them in an airtight jar so I can add them to stuffing and ravioli all winter long. Delicious!"

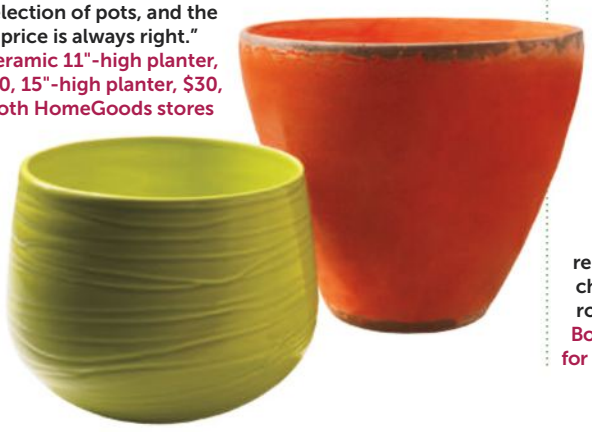


cutting tool

"Because these extra-sharp scissors have bright red handles, I can always spot them in the garden, even tucked under bushes."
Incomparable scissors, $22, womanswork.com

sturdy container

"HomeGoods has a nice selection of pots, and the price is always right."
Ceramic 11"-high planter, $20, 15"-high planter, $30, both HomeGoods stores





pest control

"Deer can get used to repellent, so I first use this chemical-free spray, then rotate in other products."
Bobbex Deer Repellent, $13 for 32 ounces, 800-792-4449

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***Pages 45–48* Bookshelves: Little Changes, Big Impact:** WALLPAPER For a similar look, try Flagler Monument Island Trellis Lattice, $70 per roll, designerwallcoverings.com.

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Pages 78–85* Copy the Curb Appeal! *Powell House: LANDSCAPE DESIGN Special thanks to Lola Wilkening. ***Chase House:*** LANDSCAPE DESIGN The Greensman, Kansas City, MO, thegreensman.com.

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Pages 91–93* Living Room Switcheroo! *Cool and Bright: TRAY TABLE Wicker tray with stand in natural, $119, wisteria .com. CURTAINS Opaque Belgian Linen panel, from $139, restorationhardware .com. RUG Genevieve Gorder Wild Chev 5' x 7' rug in Leo Sun, $559, capelrugs.com. PILLOWS (on sofa, from left) Citron, $45, etsy.com/shop/studiotullia; Indian Floral, $79, wisteria.com; Inca Decorative, $110, johnrobshaw.com; Cotton Ikat, $140, fishers homefurnishings.com; Pierce Palm, $55, blisslivinghome .com; (in basket) Geo in citrus, $60, zgallerie.com. BASKET Woven seagrass basket, $69, wisteria.com. TRAYS Rafia, from $29, westelm.com. BOTTLE Found oversized wine bottle, $149, potterybarn .com. JAR Vintage glass, $125, fishershomefurnishings.com. LANTERN Woven rattan, from $28, serenaandlily.com. ***Warm and Cozy:*** FABRIC (sofa slipcover) velvet upholstery fabric #36120 in luggage by Duralee, $60 per yard, decorativebuyingservice.com. CURTAINS velvet panel, from $109, potterybarn.com. RUG Thomas O'Brien Maritime 6' x 9' rug, $3,007, safavieh .com. PILLOWS (on sofa, from left) Bursa sand/brown, $238, lillianaugust.com; Hayward paprika, $40, crateand barrel.com; Sticks, $263, dransfieldandross.com; brown/multi ikat, $295, lillianaugust.com; (in basket) solid silk velvet in plum, $230, michelevarian.com; Larissa in caramel, Larissa in cabernet, $125 each, both companyc.com. TRAY Croco butler's tray, $80, zgallerie.com. VASES Toro, from $25, crateandbarrel .com. ***Throughout:*** COFFEE TABLE Round Heron, $749, ethanallen.com. ***Pages 94–97* Yes, That's the Same House!** PORCH SWING Go porch swing by Loll, dwr .com. TABLE Smith & Hawken teak, target.com. CHAIRS Bellini, roomandboard.com. WINDOWS (on media room) marvin.com. CONTAINER GARDEN by Merrideth Jiles, The Great Outdoors, Austin, TX, gonursery.com. DESIGNER Royce Flournoy, Texas Construction Company, Austin, TX, 512-541-8050, txconstruct.com. ***Pages 101–102* Flea Market Flips:** BASKETS Natural Betty woven seagrass baskets in small, $10 for 2, worldmarket.com. CANDLES Arista Timberline ⅞" x 9" dinner candles, $4 each, rootcandles.com. DRAPERY FINIAL Kirsch 1⅜" traditional finial, $10.50 for 2, zarinfabrics.com. COAT HOOKS Liberty acrylic facets hook in satin nickel, $7 each, homedepot.com. PIVOTING HOOKS stainless steel, sugatsune.com. MIRROR Fräck, $5, ikea.com.

HOUSE TOURS

Pages 105–111* David's True Colors: *Dining Room: TABLE vintage, painted by David Bromstad. CHAIRS (wire) chiasso.com; (clear) yliving.com. CHANDELIER 4 U Lighting & Design, Miami, 305-947-1222. RUG chiasso .com. ***Living Room:*** CHAIRS (egg-shaped) Ecko by KMP Furniture, Miami, 305-438-1797; (armchair) Modani, Miami, 305-403-1838. SIDE TABLE Essey Grand Illusion, designpublic.com. TRUNK vintage, painted by David Bromstad. CURTAINS DecoSol, Miami, 305-994-7656. FLOOR LAMPS limn .com. RUG Rand, ikea .com. OPEN SIGN vintage. ***Bedroom:*** BED vintage. TABLES (console) cb2.com; (ceramic face) discontinued. BEDDING brocadehome.com. PILLOW (Mona Lisa) The Dog Bar Inc, Miami Beach, 305-532-5654. RUG discontinued. TABLE LAMP (striped) vintage, Boomerang Room, Columbus, OH, 614-262-9661. ***Kitchen/Den:*** PENDANTS vintage. BARSTOOLS chiasso.com. SOFA Loft Sofa, Miami, 786-228-8981. CHAIR Modani, Miami, 305-403-1838. SIDE TABLE Details at Home, Miami, 305-754-5601. PILLOWS (on sofa) discontinued. RUG (under sofa) chiasso .com. FLAMINGO vintage. ***Pages 112–121* Mixing Things Up: *Family Room:*** SOFA (leather) Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, mgbwhome .com. OTTOMAN (round) Lee, decorativebuyingservice.com. FABRICS (on sofa) Malabar in brown/cream #3051-09 by Colefax and Fowler, Cowtan; (on armchair) Chancellor Strie in blossom #89730-111, Brunschwig & Fils; (curtains) Jaipur in persimmon #JP4 by Peter Fasano, all decorativebuyingservice .com. PILLOW (brown & white dot) madelineweinrib .com. RUG starkcarpet.com. CHANDELIER vintage. For a similar look, try indoor/outdoor spray paint in Citrus Green #53570, krylon.com. ***Living Room:*** SOFA custom. FABRICS (on sofa) Madison Velvet in sky #7002-13, victoriahaganhome.com; (curtains) Imperial Trellis in natural/coffee #2643761 by Kelly Wearstler-House of KWID, Schumacher; (on floral chairs) For a similar look, try Lily Tree in mocha #04, Madeaux by Richard Smith, both decorativebuyingservice .com. LAMPSHADE For a similar look, try lampsusa.com. RUG antique. ***Stairway:*** TRIM (on table skirt) Bijou Stripe in new shrimp greens with camel #5060-06, Quadrille, decorativebuyingservice.com. ***Dining Room:*** PAINT (below chair rail) Van Buren Brown #HC-70, benjaminmoore .com. WALLPAPER Osan Sisal #529632 red, Schumacher, decorativebuyingservice.com. TABLE AND CHAIRS custom. FABRICS (on chairs) Congo Grospoint in beige #BR-89116-068, Brunschwig & Fils; (curtains) For a similar look, try Gloria Siena by Fadini Borghi #I6396000, Pierre Frey; both decorativebuyingservice.com. LAMP christopherspitzmiller .com. RUG antique. ***Kitchen:*** PAINT (walls) Green Blue #84, farrow-ball.com; (trim) Ferrous #C2-479, c2paint.com. TRIM (on Roman shade) Java Java in navy on tinted linen # 4010-18 by China Seas, Quadrille, decorativebuyingservice.com. BARSTOOLS chairs1000 .com. ***Eliza's Room:*** PAINT (walls) Bunny Gray #2124-50, benjaminmoore.com. FABRICS (bed skirts) Chou Chou in Heron #SPL-2100-26, sisterparishdesign.com; (curtains) Scott in Putty, Bob Collins & Sons, Inc., decorativebuyingservice.com. INTERIOR DESIGN Ramey Caulkins, Griffin Design Source, griffindesignsource .com.

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"Cut butterfly shapes from maps, then hot-glue just the centers in a shadowbox frame so the wings stick up. Use decorative paper as a mat."
—Meg Caswell, *Meg's Great Rooms*





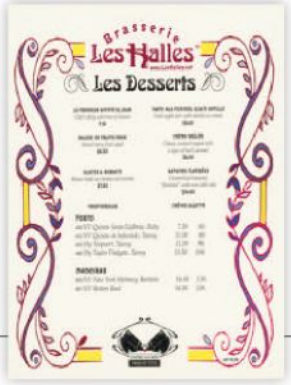
"Paint chips! Gather up a bunch from the hardware store. Lay them out so they're overlapping to create your own montage, and glue them to a mat. A metallic frame is a nice contrast."
—Taniya Nayak, *House Hunters on Vacation*





"I pin vintage brooches on a piece of velvet fabric, then display the whole array in a shadowbox."
—Dina Manzo, *Dina's Party*





"Menus. My sister framed a beautiful one from a French restaurant she loves in New York City. Choose one with a pretty font and color palette, then match the style to the frame. For an old-world restaurant, try an ornate frame. For a modern place, pick a clean-lined one."
—Emily Henderson, *Secrets From a Stylist*





"Initials. You can find thin metal letters and vintage military-style letter stencils on etsy.com. Put them in a modern white frame with white matting. I'll also frame coasters or cloth napkins like art."
—Casey Noble, *Design on a Dime*



"I tell people to frame the paper from the first time their child writes his or her name. It becomes even more precious when you put it behind glass."
—Genevieve Gorder, *Dear Genevieve*

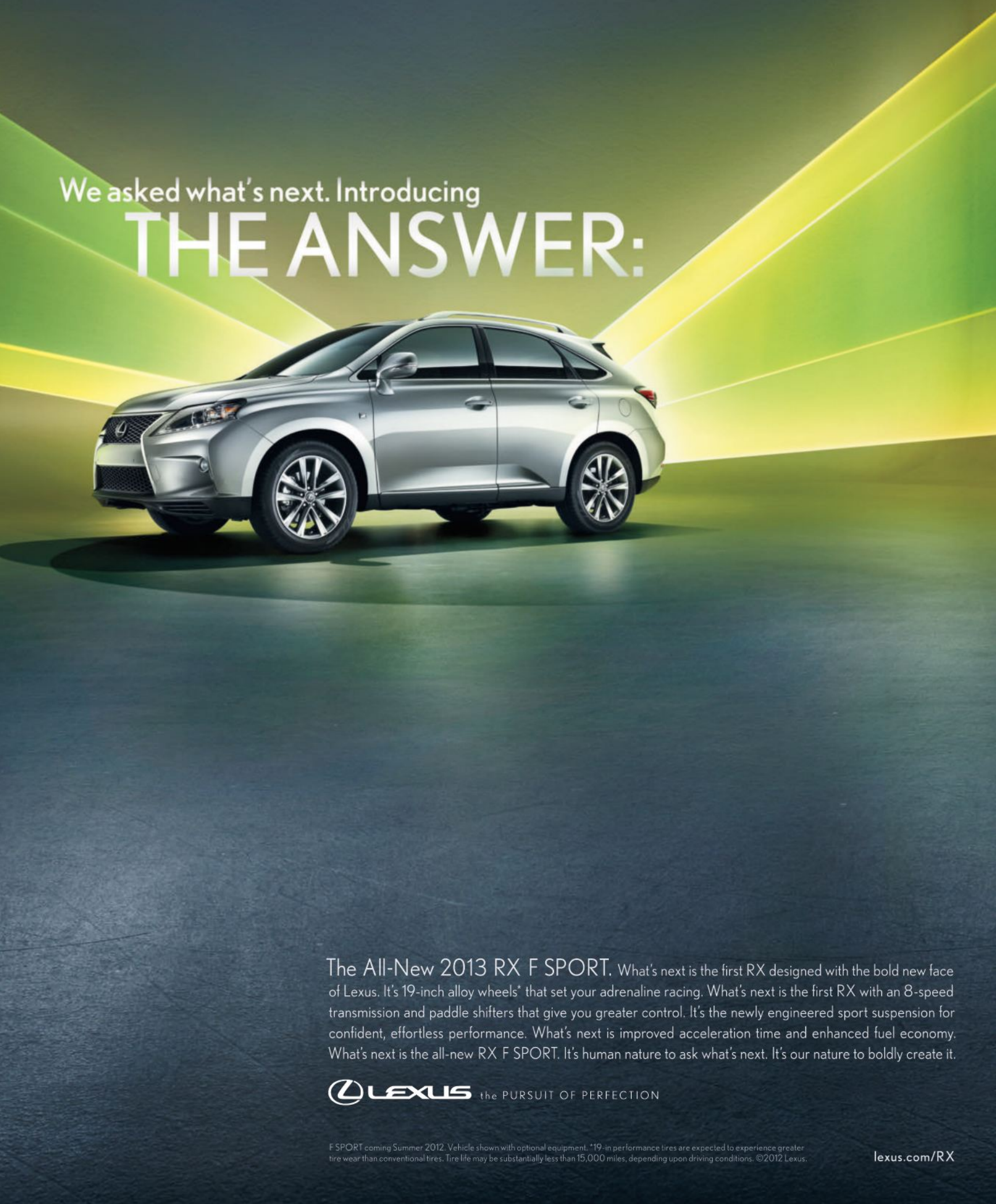




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